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South Vietnam halts mass airlift of war orphans

South Vietnam yesterday stopped the emergency "babylift" but will allow a controlled adoption scheme to go on where it can be proved that children are orphans or their parents want to relinquish them. Saigon's defence line was pierced at Chon Thanh, a town only 45 miles from the capital, and Vietcong mortar fire fell in a Saigon suburb. President Ford, stung by criticism of a "paralysis" in government, appealed to Americans to retain their self-confidence despite setbacks abroad and at home. There was no mention of military aid to South Vietnam but General George Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said American intervention in Indo-China was one option now being considered by Washington.

Shells fall near the centre of Saigon

from Peter Hazelhurst
Saigon, April 7

Confidence in Saigon was shaken early today by the sound of distant explosions when communists fired 60 rounds of mortar and recoilless rifle shells into the area of Nha Be, a fuel depot seven miles south-east of the centre of the city.

The Government announced that the communists had punched a hole in the capital's outer defence perimeter at Chon Thanh, 45 miles north of the city.

Forty-seven Britons, including non-essential staff of the British embassy, three Gurkhas and the wives and children of British diplomats were today flown to Hongkong on a chartered Cathay Pacific Boeing 707 airliner.

The ambassador and 19 of the embassy staff, including one, woman secretary, remained in Saigon to keep the embassy functioning.

The United States Embassy has refused to evacuate its staff on the ground that the move would undermine confidence in South Vietnam. But it is learnt that the Central Intelligence Agency is already moving Vietnamese citizens who had any connexion with the United States, including cooks and messengers, out of the country.

The fall of Chon Thanh, the defence post 45 miles north of Saigon, will force Government troops to draw back and hold the key Route 13 at Lai Khe.

In a rare boost to the morale of retreating government troops a spokesman for the Saigon command claimed that military aircraft were landing at Nha Trang, the port 270 miles north-east of Saigon which was abandoned to the communists last Monday.

It now transpires that the government troops abandoned the fort to a token force of communist insurgents after reports of a general retreat threw the city into panic.

A large cache of currency, *parcelly printed in Eastern* Europe, on behalf of the Provisional Revolutionary Government, has been found in the Mekong delta—an indication that the insurgents hope to establish their own administration in South Vietnam in the near future.

Saigon continued to remain tense but calm today. Hundreds



Two Vietnam orphans are introduced to English picture books by a voluntary helper at an Ockenden Venture centre in Camberley, Surrey.

of former American servicemen who stayed after being demobilized to live with their common law Vietnamese wives were seen queueing in front of the American Embassy today to obtain immigration permits for their partners.

The First National City Bank in Saigon announced today that it was no longer dealing in foreign currency and it refused to honour its own traveller's cheques presented by angry customers.

A spokesman for the bank said that it had been instructed by their head office in New York not to cash traveller's cheques because of the situation in Saigon.

Saigon, April 7.—The emergency airlift of orphans out of South Vietnam ended today but the controversial adoption programme will continue at a slower pace, it was announced in Saigon.

Dr Phan Quang Dan, the Deputy Prime Minister in the Cabinet which resigned last week, reacted angrily to accusations that the movement of the orphans was being used as propaganda to serve the Government's cause.

"We do not create refugees or orphans", he shouted at a press conference. "We do not make use of them for propaganda."

Dr Dan said that he had personally seen off the last batch of orphans today, but that others would be going in smaller groups once they had been cleared by a procedure which he promised would now be shortened.

It was important that the Government should ensure that the children either had no parents, or that the parents agreed to relinquish them.

Concern had been expressed at the haste in which the operation was conducted, but Dr Dan said that those who had left on the mass "babylift" to the United States, Britain, Australia and Canada had already been cleared.

American officials said that two aircraft with about 200 children on board had left for the United States today.

Dr Dan also said that there were *now 600,000 refugees in* the parts of the country still in Government hands.—Reuter.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: There are now 150 Britons and others for whom the embassy is responsible left in Saigon.

*These include about 20 Hong*kong citizens and a group of some 20 British journalists. About 50 Britons want to stay on in Saigon, it is learnt, and a number of others are seeking to take their Vietnamese wives with them.

Peter Strafford writes from New York: Plans for the taking *by air and adoption of orphans* were continuing today in spite of reports from Saigon that the operation was being stopped. Officials of Friends of Children of Vietnam, an adoption agency in Denver, Colorado, said that they understood the American Government was negotiating with the South Vietnamese to *let more children out.*

Mr Robert Macauley, a Connecticut businessman, who put up the money for one of the first flights out of Saigon, said that there were plans to bring a further 1,000 orphans to the *United States.*

At the State Department in Washington, officials said that as far as they were concerned, the airlift was continuing.

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Most rate rises are within 25 pc limit

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Most local authorities have kept their rate increases for the financial year that began this month within the average limit of a *quarter hoped for by* Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, according to the latest survey of levies, compiled by the Rating and Valuation Association.

There are notable exceptions, in Greater London and Wales, but the average increase for householders elsewhere is just under a fifth. Even so Mr Brian Hill, secretary of the association, predicted yesterday that "cheap rates" were a thing of the past.

"Rates must increase along with other costs", he said. "We are seeing the end of the era of cheap fuel and of cheap food. Perhaps we are coming to the end of the era of cheap rates, or rather, of cheap local *government services.*"

The figures produced by the association are based on returns from 267 of the 401 rating authorities in England and Wales.

In London, most authorities are increasing their rate levies for commercial ratepayers by more than 20p in the pound, with an average increase of 44 *per cent. For domestic rate*payers the increases are of more than 15p in the pound, giving proportionate increases ranging from 23 per cent to 65 per cent, with an average also of 44 per cent.

For the metropolitan districts in the six big conurbations outside London, the increase for commercial ratepayers ranges *from 2 per cent to 33 per cent,* with an average of 22 per cent. Domestic ratepayers face increases ranging from 2 per cent to 31 per cent, averaging 18 per cent.

In the non-metropolitan districts of England, commercial ratepayers face increases of 6 per cent to 52 per cent, averaging 23 per cent, and the average increase for domestic ratepayers is 19 per cent, covering a range from nil to 52 per cent.

The Welsh authorities show the biggest increases for commercial and domestic ratepayers. Those on commercial rates range from 25 per cent to 49 *per cent,* and on domestic rates from 25 per cent to 56 per cent.

Mr Harold Wright, president of the association, said the returns disclosed the extent to which local authorities had tried to keep within the requested limit.

In giving their figures, authorities blamed inflation as the cause for rises. Growth in real terms had been eliminated from their budgets.

In most cases they used their balances to help to keep down the rates. Next year few authorities will have balances to help to cushion big rises.

Councils also said that they had to pay for "inescapable commitments"; some had to make rate fund contributions to the housing revenue account; to provide for future inflation; and to take account of such considerations as increases in total population, or in the *number of school children and* old people.

To prevent further costs from falling on the rates authorities,

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Ministers ordered to toe the EEC line when they speak on behalf of Government

By David Wood
Political Editor

All ministers who dissent from the Government majority's recommendation that the *United Kingdom* should stay in the EEC have been ordered by the Prime Minister to run on the tramlines of Government policy when they speak in Parliament and when they act for the Government at EEC meetings.

When "necessary", which presumably means when the dissenting ministers cannot stomach humble pie or threaten resignation if they are forced *with Government* briefs, "questions will be transferred to other ministers".

Mr Wilson defined the ground rules for ministerial participation in the EEC referendum controversy in a written reply to a question, published as the three-day debate opened in the Commons last night on the Government's renegotiation *White Paper.* In effect, the rules go a long way to reimpose the appearance of collective *ministerial responsibility on* ministers, above and below the Cabinet line, who thought they had been given licence to go their own way.

The dilemma is bound to be acute for the seven Cabinet ministers who have dissented from the majority decision to recommend the electorate to vote "Yes" in the *referendum: Mr Foot,* Secretary of State for Employment; Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry; Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade; Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Energy; Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland; Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services; and Mr John Silkin, Minister for Planning and Local Government.

The Prime Minister's rules may be expected to expose all the dissenting ministers to pressure from the Opposition benches when they stand at the despatch box to answer questions or make statements. The *tactics adopted will be designed* to oblige them to make parliamentary declarations that conflict fundamentally with the anti-EEC statements that they will be making in the referendum campaign on national platforms.

They will have to choose between obeying the rules and losing all plausibility, or standing back to allow pro-EEC ministers to answer for them in Parliament. At the worst, the embarrassment or humiliation could drive one or two of them into threats of resignation.

Even outside Parliament, Mr Wilson has tethered his goats. *He has prescribed that ministers* holding different views should not allow themselves to appear on the same platform or in the same broadcast programme. In that way, it is clearly intended that the seriousness of the Government's internal divisions *should be hidden from public* view so far as possible, and that the Government should not be *seen to be disintegrating in* rancour.

Mr Wilson's reply said in part:

In accordance with my statement in the House on January 23 last, those ministers who do not agree with the Government's recommendation in favour of continued membership of the European Community are, in the unique circumstances of the referendum, now free to advocate a different view during the referendum campaign in the country.

This freedom does not extend to parliamentary proceedings and official business.

*Ministers responsible for Euro*pean aspects of Government business who themselves differ from *the Government's recommendation* on membership of the European Community will state the Govern*ment's position and will not be* drawn into making points against the Government recommendation. *Wherever necessary Questions* (that is, in Parliament) will be transferred to other ministers.

I have asked all ministers to make their contributions to the public campaign in terms of issues, to avoid personalizing or trivializing the argument, and not to allow themselves to appear in direct *confrontation, on the same plat*form or programme, with another minister who takes a different view on the Government recommendation.

"Gagging" complaint: Mr Sidney Bidwell, Labour MP for Ealing, Southall, and chairman of the *Tribune group, last night* wrote to the Prime Minister expressing the group's surprise and opposition to "the gagging of ministers opposed to remaining in the Common Market".

Four Labour MPs tabled an amendment to the Referendum Bill to require separate counting of votes in at least 63 areas covering the whole country, with results to be announced for each area.

Warning that Europe is main Soviet prize

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Europe remains the main prize for Soviet diplomacy, Mr Ronald Reagan, the former *Governor of California,* declared last night. The Soviet Union was now in a position, thanks to "the communist takeover of Portugal" to alter substantially the political map of Europe.

In a strong attack on Western weakness, and perhaps a criticism of *Republican foreign* policy appropriate to a presidential candidate, Mr Reagan told the Pilgrims' Society dinner in London that the Russians had broken the solid front of Western European political tradition.

*The promotion of a com*munist regime in Portugal, in place of one committed to Nato, was the first big change in the political status quo in Europe since Nato was created in 1949. As a result of the fratricidal conflict between Greece and Turkey and the Soviet Union's de facto alliances with nations on the Mediterranean coast of Africa, it was now able to undermine the entire southern flank of Nato.

"Europe is simply too small and interdependent to expect that such a development can be contained solely within the Mediterranean region", Mr Reagan said. Europe as it is known politically could be limi-



Mr Reagan in London last night

ted to the main states of its north and west and, of course, Britain. This made Europe vulnerable to Soviet diplomatic *pressure should a crisis arise.*

Pressure on Western Europe could be facilitated only if the loss of political cohesion was accompanied by a sharp reduction in the effectiveness of Europe's military forces.

Albuquerque, April 7.—America's foreign policy has fallen into disarray because of continual foreign visits by Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, Senator Henry Jackson, of Washington, told a presidential campaign fund-raising lunch in Albuquerque yesterday.

The Democratic contender, encouraged by a poll showing him gaining strength against President Ford, said Dr Kissinger "can't be forever travelling in all directions and run the foreign policy of our country".—UPI.

Five dug out alive in avalanche

Berne, *April 7.—More than* 40 people are feared dead in avalanches which have swept through villages and cut road and rail links during three days of freak spring weather in the Alps.

With an estimated death toll of 13 in *Switzerland,* Swiss alpine experts described the avalanches as the worst to happen so late in the skiing season. In northern Italy at least 12 German tourists were feared killed after scores of avalanches.

Rescuers today dug out four children and a woman still alive after being buried for *more than 24 hours under an* avalanche which came down on the Alpine hamlet of Acla in south-east Switzerland.

All five were injured, some with broken legs, and ambulances took them to hospital over roads still only partially cleared of sudden heavy weekend snowfalls which caused avalanches and deaths in Switzerland, Austria and Italy yesterday. Police said the five survivors were members of two families.

Rescue teams detected the first sounds of life at Acla at 7.30 am today and freed the trapped group five-and-a-half hours later. Helicopters of the Swiss Army and the mountain rescue service helped to

—UPI.
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President Ford urges America to stay confident despite setbacks

om Fred Emery
ashington, April 7

President Ford tried today issue a rallying cry to the nerican people, urging them retain "self-confidence and rspective" in the face of *at he called setbacks abroad* d at home.

He also called on them to are his optimism and vision ar worldwide growth in peace id interdependence lay ead, and not depression at me and dismegration abroad.

At the same time Mr Ford, the prepared text of a speech r delivery in Las Vegas, *nitted any call for military* d to South Vietnam. Instead confined himself to a pledge a firm American commitment provide humanitarian aid to e "helpless civilian victims". Some thought this omission uspicuous on the day that *ongress reconvened after the* ister recess. Mr Ford's requests for extra military assistance—sent to Congress when uth Vietnam, if not Cambodia, was still virtually intact —are given virtually no chance of approval.

The assumption that Vietnam is all but finished crosses party and regional divisions in Congress, with many in the hawkish South also prepared to see *losses cut. Mr Ford has hardly* helped himself by pointing the finger at Congress all last week, and today many will be disgruntled at this continual belabouring of Congress over spending policies.

In this mood Congress would *probably laugh off any request* to use American forces in South Vietnam, were the President so *unwise as to request it.* There is no sign here that he is contemplating such action, although remarks made in Jakarta by General George Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have prompted questions at the Pentagon. He was quoted as saying that a new American intervention was one option.

Pentagon spokesmen claim that the general also recalled that such intervention was prohibited by law. At all events, the spokesmen point to President Ford's news conference statement of March 6 that there would be no *resort to* American forces. Yesterday Dr James Schlesinger, the Defence Secretary, reaffirmed it.

Jakarta, April 7.—Direct American military intervention in Vietnam was one of the obvious options that must be under active discussion now, General George Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the press here today.

He added that there were a great number of people in the United States who would not favour intervention. "After all, we lost some 50,000 soldiers in Vietnam and we have invested huge expenditures for the training of the South Vietnamese military", he said.

General Brown emphasized: "We have a law prohibiting the *use of military forces without* United States Congress approval, especially reinitiation of military action in Vietnam and Cambodia".—Agence France-Presse.

Thalidomide article ban to be examined

rom Our Correspondent
rasbourg, April 7

A complaint by *The Sunday imes* against a British court an in 1972 on an article about alidomide children has been eclared admissible by the uropean Commission of uman Rights. It said the ban mounted to a breach of free-om of expression.

The case was brought to the mmission in January, 1974, Mr Harold Evans, editor of *he Sunday Times, The Sunday imes* and Times Newspapers, td, after a series of legal attles against an injunction reventing publication of the rticle.

In September, 1972, the newsaper published an article *bout children born deformed,* llegedly because their mothers ad taken thalidomide during regnancy, and announced a further article about the manufacture and testing of the drug.

In October, the Distillers Company, Ltd, the maker and seller of thalidomide in Britain, contended that the article constituted contempt of court in view of outstanding litigation; and, in November, 1972, the High Court granted an injunction restraining *The Sunday Times* from publishing it.

The Court of Appeal reversed the order, but on a further appeal by the Attorney General to the House of Lords, the law lords confirmed the order unanimously on July 18, 1973, finding that the proposed article tended to prejudice issues in pending court proceedings, including settlement negotiations.

The European Commission of Human Rights has now declared the case admissible under Article 10 of the Human Rights Convention, which protects the right to freedom of expression.

The commission will examine the facts of the complaint and attempt to reach a friendly *settlement. Failing this,* the case could ultimately go before the Strasbourg Court of Human Rights

A Staff Reporter writes: Mr *Evans said* last night he was delighted with the decision. He hoped that the British Government would now be forced to implement the recommendations of the Phillimore Committee on contempt of court "and bring some sense to the ridiculous *laws of contempt.*"

The Phillimore report earlier this year suggested that the laws of contempt should not come into force until a case was actually ser down. Mr Evans said if Phillimore were enacted quickly, *The Sunday Times* would withdraw its case

Move to replace Mr Stonehouse as Walsall MP

Transport House yesterday took the first step towards selecting a successor to Mr John Stonehouse as candidate at Walsall North (our Political Editor writes). The constituency party was given permission by Labour's national executive committee to begin procedures for choosing a new candidate in preparation for the next general election. That involves three meetings in the constituency. Mr Stonehouse has the right to attend or to state his case in writing. The procedure would be accelerated if a by-election became possible

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More Army patrols in Ulster peace move

New measures intended to curb the violence in *Ulster were announced by Mr Rees, Secretary* of State for Northern Ireland. As a compromise, to try to ensure that the ceasefire between the Provisional IRA and the Army is not called off, increased military patrols will be restricted to areas between "loyalist" and republican strongholds

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More houses started

Housing starts showed a marginal improvement in February, but there was a fall-off in the number of dwellings completed. A brighter picture is given by three-month seasonally adjusted totals, published last night by the Department of the Environment, which show that from December 1974 to February 1975 total starts were up 19 per cent on the previous three months and 4 per cent on a year earlier

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Cable cartel report

A detailed report on the activities of the Inter*national Cable Development Corporation,* the Liechtenstein-registered organization under whose aegis cable manufacturers in at least 20 countries have been collaborating to restrict competition in world markets, is understood to be in preparation at the Directorate General of Competition in Brussels

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Lisbon military men get their own way

Military men seemed set to rule Portugal for at least the next three years yesterday when *opposition to the Armed Forces Movement's* proposals for a draft constitution collapsed. The two leading political parties admitted they would have to accept the proposals, though they will press for modifications

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Provisional IRA local chiefs may have free hand to resume fight

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The gravest threat yet to the eight-weeks-old ceasefire between the Provisional IRA and the Army came in a statement issued from Dublin last night after a meeting of the Provisionals' army council.

Although it did not call for *an immediate return to hostilities*, the council said that new orders had been sent to all IRA units in Ulster.

"The action of IRA units", the statement added, "will be related to the level of violent and hostile activity by Crown and sectarian forces. If there is no such activity, there will be no operation other than against truce breakers".

Until last night Provisional leaders had abstained from commenting or associating themselves with the violence in Belfast, which has killed 13 people and injured 96 since last Thursday.

It now appears that individual commanders in the city and other parts of Ulster, particularly Londonderry and Newry, have been given a free hand to decide on how to react locally to further sectarian incidents.

The army council statement said: "The establishment of lasting peace cannot be indefinitely postponed by the blackmail of 'loyalist' politicians, sectarian gangsters and undisciplined elements in the Ulster Defence Regiment and the Royal Ulster Constabulary." The statement is ambiguous about the nature of the action which Provisional units will take, but the threat of attacks on the RUC and the UDR is unlikely to allow the Army to continue much longer with its recent "low profile" in republican areas.

The change in the army council's orders will add a new element to the retaliatory violence and murder which has *been increasing in* Belfast during the past few days. Throughout the ceasefire the Provisionals have claimed responsibility for only one incident *in Ulster*, a city-centre bomb which exploded in Belfast last week.

There is believed to have been much argument among the Provisionals' leaders about the ceasefire, now in its fifty-seventh day. Last night's statement appears to be intended to allow scope for action among militant Belfast members who have been pressing for hostilities to be resumed.

It said: "The British Government has been officially informed that the leadership of the republican movement is not satisfied with the rate of progress towards implementing the basic requirements for a permanent ceasefire."

The requirements were said to be a declaration of intent for British withdrawal from Ulster, *acceptance of the Irish people's* right to self-determination, and an amnesty for all political prisoners.

The decision was regarded in *Belfast as a compromise between* those demanding an immediate end to the ceasefire and those supporting its continuance. But in a situation where many disparate groups are indulging in violence, the issue of "defence and retaliation" orders to the Provisionals can only increase the possibility of a breakdown of the ceasefire.

The statement was released two hours after another sectarian attack in Belfast in which a big car bomb exploded outside a Roman Catholic drinking club in the Oldpark district. Three people were injured, one seriously.

Earlier yesterday, Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, announced measures intended to curb the latest wave of violence in Belfast.

It is widely recognized among government officials that any continuation of bloodshed on the present scal would reduce to nil the possibility of the forthcoming Convention producing any acceptable constitutional agreement.

As a compromise, Mr Rees *has ordered the intensification* of Army patrols to be restricted to vulnerable areas between "loyalist" and republican strongholds. The increase in *patrols will be accompanied by* a strengthening of the activity of plain-clothes and uniformed police in Belfast. Many extra men will be brought in from *outside*.

The decisions were taken after a lengthy meeting yesterday between the Secretary of State and his security advisers.

The fact that the ceasefire has survived through *one of the* bloodiest weekends the province has seen since 1972 is attributable largely to contacts behind the scenes between the Government and members of the Provisional Sinn Fein.

It has been emphasized that the Provisional IRA has played no known part in the weekend's violence.

The present wave of violence, which has no single or obvious cause, *continued* yesterday morning when a Catholic clerk, Mr Gerald McLaughlin, aged 20, was shot dead as he made his regular morning walk from a *bus stop to the factory where he* worked on the outskirts of Belfast.

Violence condemned: The latest violence in the province was denounced by Irish church leaders in a joint statement issued in Belfast yesterday (the Press Association reports).

It was signed by Cardinal Conway, Primate of All Ireland; Dr G. Temple Lundie, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; Dr Simms, Church of Ireland Primate of All Ireland; and the Rev R. Desmond Morris, President of the Methodist Conference in Ireland.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, *Dr Coggan, begins a six*-day visit to Ulster today, starting in Londonderry and Portrush, co Antrim.

Making of a chemical halted after explosion

By Michael Horsnell

A chemical factory has suspended a manufacturing process after a man's death in an explosion on Saturday.

The *explosion happened at* the organics and pigments division of Laporte Industries Ltd, Ilford, Essex, which adjoins a primary school in a densely *populated* area.

The accident involved the rupture of a tank containing oxygen and caustic potash. The tank is part of a hydrogen unit for a plant manufacturing sorbitol, a sugar derivative for diabetics. The manufacture of sorbitol is being suspended, though other chemical production is not affected.

Laporte said yesterday that it regretted the accident, which was being investigated by technical staff. "In the meantime the company has decided to suspend production of sorbitol. The accident which occurred had no connexion with the storage or use of cyclohexane, which featured in the Flixborough disaster."

As local residents yesterday demanded closure of the factory, it was disclosed that an *emergency telephone link* between the primary school and the factory had been activated three times since it was installed after the Flixborough disaster *last June*.

Only slight fires were involved. But mothers of many of the 450 pupils are threatening to keep their children away *from school today, the first day* of term, in fear of a disaster.



Mr Norman Morris, the headmaster, outside Uphall primary school, which adjoins the chemical plant.

Mrs Pat Anderson, mother of four children, and chairman of the Roding Environmental Safety Campaign Group, set up after Flixborough, told me: "We want all the dangerous chemical processes to go. There must be about 10,000 people living close to the factory."

Mrs Anderson is one of about 40 mothers who say they will keep their children away.

Mr Norman Morris, the headmaster, told me: "I would agree with the parents that the sooner this type of factory development in residential areas is stopped the better."

Terraced houses surround the 33-acre site of the factory where Mr Robert Church, aged 52, a chemical worker, was killed on Saturday.

Pickets from the local Liberal Association talked to some of the plant's *250 employees* yesterday as they arrived for work. The men were sympathetic but of course they do not wish to lose their jobs.

Although it was announced that cyclohexane was no longer being made at the Ilford factory, the mothers peering into the site from the street yesterday want to know how much is still stored there and what other dangerous chemicals are produced.

Among callers at the school yesterday was Mr Arnold Shaw, Labour MP for Redbridge, Ilford, South, who is to table an emergency question to Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment. A big explosion at Laporte could make Flixborough "look like a Chinese fire-cracker", he said.

Redbridge Borough Council is demanding an inspection of the plant by the major hazards co-ordinating unit set up by Mr Foot after Flixborough.

Mr George Birtles, deputy chief education officer, said: "The council has been doing its best to get the unit to look at Laporte for some time."

The company, which is holding an inquiry in collaboration with the Factory Inspectorate, says its stores of cyclohexane are being run down.

Oil refinery inquiry will reopen today

By John Young
Planning Reporter

A public inquiry reopens today into an application by Burmah-Total to build an oil refinery at Cliffe in north Kent. The site lies only a few miles upstream and on the opposite side of the Thames estuary from Canvey Island, where there is another fierce dispute over a refinery project.

Outline planning permission was granted last March. But after representation from local authorities and amenity groups, objecting that the latest plans were greatly different from those originally submitted, Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, agreed to reopen the inquiry.

The Department of the Environment said last week that its scope would be confined to "the Secretary of State's proposed intention to grant planning permission only for the refinery and jetty, with ancillary activities, rail terminal and pipelines, as opposed to the whole of the applicants' proposals"; and to any changes in *circumstances since the conclu*sion of the previous inquiry.

The application will not apparently be affected by the defeat last year in the Commons of a private Bill *promoted* by Burmah-Total. It would have allowed the deregistration and compulsory purchase of common land near by for road-widening, *pipeline-laying* and additional rail facilities.

A council working report last year favoured limited development in the Isle of Grain area.

Union official denies holding firm to ransom

An MP said yesterday that Mr Alan Law, an official of the Transport and General Workers' Union, was holding a Derby transport company to ransom over drivers' pay.

F. B. Atkins and Sons said that Mr Law had ordered the company to be denied facilities at a container base because it would not raise drivers' wages. But any increase would breach the social contract and ruin the *company*.

Mr Rost, Conservative MP for Derbyshire, South East, is taking the matter up with Mr Foot, Secretary of State for *Employment*.

Mr A. B. Atkins, a director of the firm, based at Findern, near Derby, told Mr Rost: "Three weeks ago we had a *vehicle refused* entry to the container base at Perry Bar, Birmingham. We were told that our presence was not welcomed.

"*In effect, the use of* container base facilities was denied us . . . on the recommendation of Mr Law, the TGWU Birmingham regional secretary.

"One reason given was that our drivers' pay did not coincide with his requirements. We pointed out that our drivers had been given a substantial rise in October, and that they were content with their rate and had agreed to hold it until next October.

"Mr Law answered that the days of cheap labour were over and that unless we paid the rates he wanted we would be refused entry into the container base. . . .

"We now hear unofficially that on Mr Law's recommenda*tion this blacking will spread to* container bases throughout the country."

Mr Law said last night that he had ordered the blacking of the firm:

"Our shop stewards have asked all other shop stewards and conveners not to touch this firm. What this firm is doing is against union policy and we are not standing for it. We have been after it for two years and we are going to make sure it pays the proper rates.

"When 99 per cent of drivers get one rate, it is not right that the other 1 per cent should get less."

Mr Law said the drivers were getting £37.50 for a basic 40 hour week, compared with the official rate of £40.

'Rival firm foiled secrets plan'

A plan to sell secret plans of Rank Xerox to its principal competitor, IBM (UK), for £70,000 failed because of the honesty of the rival company, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Had it worked it would have attacked Rank's financial sources, undercut its market facilities and beaten it to new machines, Mr Michael Hill, for the prosecution, said. "This is a case of industrial espionage", he added.

Anthony John Read, aged 25, of Pitshanger Lane, Ealing, London; Mervyn Treloar, aged 28, an employment consultant, of Swinderby Road, Wembley, and Leopold Devries, aged 30, a clerk, of Stanley Road, Wembley, denied conspiring to defraud Rank Xerox by dishonestly appropriating or disclosing copies or extracts of Rank Xerox plans between September and November, 1973.

Mr Read also denied stealing copy paper and toner from Rank and Mr Treloar denied aiding and abetting him and dishonestly receiving it knowing it to be stolen.

Mr Hill said Mr Treloar was a staff agency consultant, who placed Mr Read as a temporary clerk with Rank Xerox at their Euston Road headquarters. Mr Read was employed in the section responsible for preparing highly confidential planning documents. He made unauthorized copies of those documents.

The three accused planned to sell the documents to IBM (UK), but an IBM executive informed the police after an approach had been made to him.

The trial continues today.

Father killed three of his children

The break-up of his marriage caused a *loving father of six* children to kill three of them, the prosecution alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Edward Campbell *strangled* them while his wife was away at a works Christmas party after she had filed a petition for divorce, Mr Richard Du Cann, QC, for the prosecution, said. Then he piled their bodies before a gas fire.

Mr Campbell, aged 42, a baker, of Fawcett Estate, Clapton, London, denied murdering the children Paul, aged 13, Ronald, aged 11, and Susan, aged 10, last December, but admitted manslaughter and was sentenced to six years' imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

He also denied attempting to murder his son Joel, aged 14, and his daughter Lmenita, aged 15, but admitted causing the boy grievous bodily harm and wounding the girl. He was given two-year jail terms on each charge, also to run concurrently.

Farmers plan picket today to exclude eggs

Poultry farmers said yesterday that they would picket one *or more ports on the south and* west coasts today in a further protest at continuing imports of cheap eggs from France. The port or ports would be decided on at a meeting near Salisbury early this morning. It was proposed to close "up to four", Major Barry Webster, chairman of the United Kingdom Egg Producers' Association, said.

He complained that egg prices in France this week had fallen by 1p a dozen, making the United Kingdom market, where eggs go up 2p this week, more attractive.

Bomb expert was killed by faulty safety device

An Army expert demonstrating terrorist-style bombs was killed because of a faulty safety device, an inquest was told at Bury yesterday.

Staff Sergeant James Graham Crawshaw, aged 27, father of two children, of West Derby, Liverpool, died during a demonstration for senior police officers at Holcombe Ranges Army weapons training area, Bury, in January. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

Mr Edgar Whitbread, a chief inspector of explosives, told Mr Leonard Gorodkin, the coroner: "The timing device is commonly used by terrorists but it is defective in that it is extremely difficult to use in a safe manner."

It was not in the public interest to describe the device but it could be said that it contained a means for making the explosive device safe. He added: "I would have to be very pressed before I used a device designed as badly as this."

Detective Chief Inspector G. M. George, of Manchester CID, said that after a survey of cases where terrorists had used explosives, the Director of Public Prosecutions recommended a demonstration of those devices to show police officers their effects.

Troops dash strikers' hope of £90 a week

From a Staff Reporter
Glasgow

As Army bulldozers dig deeper into the mounds of refuse created by the 11-week-old unofficial strike of Glasgow dustcart drivers, they are slowly eliminating the £90-a-week the men would earn clearing the rubbish themselves. That, perhaps, will be the most potent argument in favour of a return to work when the drivers meet in Glasgow tomorrow to decide their next step.

Before the troops moved in, it was estimated that those dumps would take three months to clear, during which time the men would earn more than £90 a week. Many of the strikers are concerned that they have lost far more than they can hope to win from the corporation, which still refuses to negotiate locally.

The Army said yesterday that it had cleared all the top priority areas of risk and was starting to clear the second priority tenement areas. Since troops moved into the city they have cleared 35,000 tons of refuse. It is estimated that they will have moved the rest in about 26 days.

Ban on overtime brings worse rail disruption

By Alan Hamilton
Labour Staff

Railway travellers throughout the country suffered further cancellations, delays and packed trains yesterday as the effects of the two-week-old overtime ban by 5,000 railway workshop supervisors spread.

British Rail will meet *leaders of the five unions in*volved today. The dispute arises from last year's major pay restructuring for all 200,000 rail operating and clerical staff. If no agreement is reached today further disruption is certain.

Industrial action by the supervisors in the regional maintenance workshops and British Rail's main locomotive and rolling stock building works has delayed regular servicing, and up to 200 locomotives are out of action at any time.

On the Western and London Midland regions yesterday about half the Inter-City services and about 30 commuter trains were cancelled, many of the remainder running with only half the usual number of coaches. On the Eastern Region, 13 Inter-City trains and four local services were cancelled.

Half the suburban trains on the Glasgow south side electrified routes were cut yesterday.

Under last year's £75m pay reconstruction, which gave some railwaymen increases of £10 a week in addition to normal annual pay rises, the supervisors were awarded 6½ per cent across-the-board increases, and a grading review allowing further increases of between £7 and £145 a year.

Unions involved, of which the Transport Salaried Staffs Association is the most important, with nearly half of the men affected, demand that all staff should receive £145 from regrading.

Hospital paybed booking after 13-week ban

By Our Medical Reporter

The first private patient to be admitted to Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, since January 8 will probably enter the hospital on Sunday.

The management had stopped taking private patients after action by members of the National Union of Public Employees, but the governors have decided the hospital has an obligation to admit them and the first booking has been made.

A union official said yesterday that members would not be required to give service to private areas in the hospital.

Shop workers' £40 call

Demands that shop workers should press for basic wages of up to £40 a week (at least 37 per cent more), will be made at the annual conference of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, considered one of the most moderate unions (our Labour Staff writes).

Other motions call for "a more determined militant stand" and for the union to take note of the action of more militant unions. Basic weekly wages for shop workers are between £23 and £29.

Londoners singled out for extra rate burdens

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as requested by the Government, had charged higher fees for council services.

"The position clearly indicates that the increased rate levies will only sustain a status quo in the level of services and, in some authorities, an actual cutback in standards in order to contain the rate within the Government's guideline of 25 per cent for domestic ratepayers", the association said.

Mr T. W. Sowerby, Treasurer of the London borough of *Bromley, one of the association's* advisers, said he hoped next year ratepayers would not face increases similar to those of the past two years if the Govern*ment did not change the formula* of its rate-support grant. That is a big "if" because the present formula is known to be a transitional arrangement.

Most big cities face rate rises of a fifth to a quarter but London suffers more than most because average spending a head on local services there is *higher than the national* average and the average government grant income is lower than in the country as a whole. As a result Londoners are paying an average of, a half more in rates than the ratepayers of the rest of England and Wales.

Thus, in Greenwich, domestic rates will go up this year from an average of £81 to £110; in Bromley from £113 to £175; in Brent from £119 to £180; in Westminster from £154 to £203; and in the City of London from £139 to £231.

Where authorities imposed rate increases of more than a fifth last year, this year's rises give a false impression. The Government's special £150m aid to those authorities for last year only is not taken into account in the figures, so ratepayers who were helped then will find their increases this year more than the stated averages.

Nine years' jail for wife-batterer

Alan Billington, aged 27, of Alt Road, Formby, Lancashire, who was said to have pushed a red-hot wire into his wife's face and kicked her a week after she had obtained a decree nisi on the ground of his cruelty, was jailed for nine years yesterday after pleading guilty at Liverpool Crown Court to causing her grievous bodily harm.

Judge Jalland said: "Any young wives who may be the victims of batterings should know they are not required by law to put up with ill-treatment *from brutish husbands.*"

Hospital strike off

A one-day strike call to 8,000 technicians at hospital laboratories and blood transfusion centres was cancelled yesterday after a claim for increased emergency duty payments was settled.

Airport staff walk out

Ground staff at Manchester Airport yesterday walked out without notice over a new pay deal. Eleven charter flights and 35 scheduled flights were affected by the four-hour stoppage.

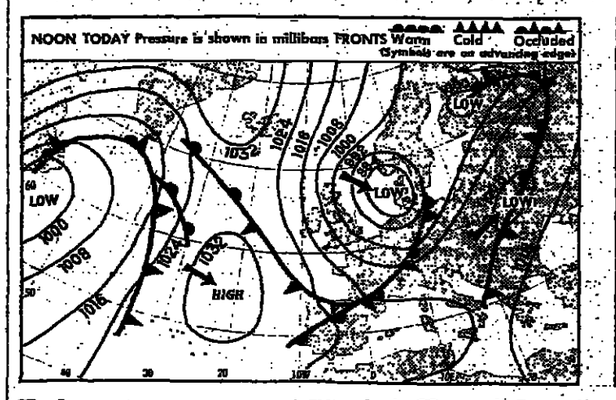
Labour chief leaving

Mr Peter Allison, aged 48, Scottish secretary of the Labour Party, a *former miner*, is leaving to become assistant secretary of the National Union of Bank Employees, in Glasgow.

Monks get machine

A £3,000 electronic accounting machine will be shipped to the Welsh monastery island of Caldey, near Tenby, tomorrow. The monks' business enterprises are now too big for their old bookkeeping system.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.22 am. Sun sets: 7.45 pm
Moon rises: 4.50 am. Moon sets: 4.43 pm
New moon: April 11.
Lighting up: 8.15 pm to 5.50 am.
High water: London Bridge, 12.33 am, 6.3m (20.6ft); 1.8 pm, 6.7m (22.0ft). Avonmouth, 6.12 am, 11.0m (36.1ft); 6.35 pm, 11.2m (36.9ft). Dover, 10.14 am, 5.7m (18.6ft); 10.33 pm, 5.9m (19.2ft). Hull, 5.10 am, 6.1m (20.0ft); 5.13 pm, 6.2m (20.4ft). Liverpool, 10.24 am, 8.1m (26.7ft); 10.49 pm, 8.2m (26.8ft).

A depression is expected to move slowly SE towards Denmark and a cold N airstream will cover the United Kingdom.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, SW, central S and N England, East Anglia, E Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Sunny spells; showers, chiefly of snow or hail, in afternoon, perhaps isolated thunderstorms; wind NW, fresh or strong; max temp 8°C (46°F).

W Midlands, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland: Showers of sleet or snow, perhaps hail and thunder; sunny intervals; wind NW, fresh or strong; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Showers or longer periods of rain or sleet, with snow in many places, particularly in N and E. Mostly cold with night frost but less cold in SW.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind NW, strong or gale, perhaps severe gale; sea very rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 10°C (50°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 2°C (36°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 71 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, .10in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 1.8 hours. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1000.9 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Overseas selling prices (up): Republic of Ireland, Austria, Sch. 15; Belgium, Bfr 20; Channel Islands, 6p; Denmark, 3.00; Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Fr 2.80; Germany, DMk 1.50; Greece, Dr 30; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 400; Luxembourg, Lf 18; Madeira, Esc 16; Malta, 7c; Norway, Kr 3.00; Portugal, Esc 17.50; Spain, Pes 35; Sweden, Skr 3.50; Switzerland, 3.30.

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Barcelona	s	14	57	Edinburgh	c	7	45	Luxembourg	c	3	37	Ottawa	s	6	43
Beirut	s	23	73	Florence	c	13	55	Madrid	s	11	52	Paris	c	9	48
Belfast	r	4	39	Funchal	c	19	66	Majorca	s	15	59	Reykjavik	s	2	36
Berlin	r	7	45	Geneva	c	9	48	Malaga	s	16	61	Rome	c	15	59
Bermuda	c	19	61	Gibraltar	c	16	61	Malta	f	20	68	Rondidaevy	s	8	46
Biarritz	c	10	50	Guernsey	r	6	43	Manchan	r	6	41	Stockholm	sn	1	34
Birmingham	r	7	45	Helsinki	r	4	39	Montreal	sn	-4	25	Toronto	s	0	32
Bristol	f	8	46	Innsbruck	c	7	45	Moscow	c	21	70	Venice	c	11	52
Brussels	c	6	43	Istanbul	c	15	59	Munich	c	9	48	Vienna	r	6	43
Budapest	f	16	61	Jersey	c	7	45	Naples	f	19	66	Warsaw	c	8	46
Cardiff	f	8	46	L Palmas	s	18	64	New York	s	6	43	Zurich	c	5	37

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VIETNAM

A message to the British people

Vietnam has known no peace for a generation. The stories that are filling our front pages have been everyday happenings for the people of Vietnam since the Second World War.

They deserve better than airlifts.

What is needed is reconstruction.

The British Hospital for Vietnam Committee has been formed over the last year for the purpose of building a British hospital in Vietnam. It will be situated at Ky Anh in the province of Ha Tinh within the Democratic Republic. The hospital will have two hundred beds, and will include prefabricated surgical, medical, obstetric and pediatric units with out-patient and rehabilitation departments. The Committee need to raise £800,000 to fund this purely British venture.

Please help us with funds now, while the plight of the Vietnamese is fresh in your minds.

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Container blacking lifted

By Raymond Perman
Labour Staff

About 30 ships were being worked in the Port of London after a full return to work by *dockers* yesterday at the end of a five-week strike. The blacking of two container firms, which began the dispute, and of transport firms on the so-called "Cherry Blossom" list was lifted.

The men voted overwhelmingly on Friday to end the stoppage and the issue of what con*stitutes registered dock work* now rests with the Government's consultative proposals. A White Paper will be produced in the autumn and legislation is expected next year.

Pay negotiations, halted during the strike, will restart this week on the basis of an arbitration recommendation that the basic pay of fit dockers should be increased from £48 to £55. Workers who can do only light duties would get £46.50.

HOME NEWS

Student leader rebuffs Government over housing register plan

From David Hencke of
The Times Higher Education Supplement
Llandudno

The Government's proposed new voluntary registration scheme for student tenants would drive a coach and horses through the concept of security of tenure, Mr John Randall, president of the National Union of Students, told the union conference at Llandudno last night.

"A part of the Government proposal would allow any landlord who had previously let accommodation to a student to have an absolute right of repossession", he said. "To translate that into plain English means that if it can be shown that accommodation was once used to house students, any other tenant who had subsequently moved in can be put out on the streets to make way for a new intake of students."

Mr Randall said the result of the scheme would be catastrophic. In the short term students would be housed at the expense of other people. "Those who would suffer would be those who are least equipped to cope; the old, infirm, the widowed, the immigrants and the fatherless families. Let us make it clear to the Government that we do not wish students to be housed at the expense of such people", he said.

Mr Randall criticized academics who attacked the NUS for its tough tactics, including occupations of buildings, as part of its campaigning strategy.

He named particularly Lord Annan, Provost of University College London, who had given a warning that disruptive action by students could prejudice this year's grants negotiations.

"It is an unedifying spectacle to see those who purport to lead the academic community in this country attempting to save their own skins at all costs even if it be at the expense of others less able to command a high proportion of the money spent on higher and further education", Mr Randall said.

He criticized the Government for cutting the number of teacher-training colleges. Colleges threatened. Mr Malcolm Lee, chairman of the 7,000-strong Association of Teachers in Colleges and Departments of Education, said yesterday that another 15 or 20 of the country's 152 teacher training colleges could face the axe, in addition to the 30 closures over the next few years foreshadowed by Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science (our Huddersfield Correspondent writes).

Mr Lee said his figures were based on an analysis of the number of teachers the Government estimated would be needed. Earlier plans had been for 510,000 teachers in state schools by 1981, but these had been scaled down to 480,000 or 490,000. Students in training would be reduced from the present 108,000 to 60,000.

Initial entry students were to drop from the peak of 36,000 in 1972 to a mere 12,000 in 1978, he said. It was assumed that more than 4,800 would stay on for a fourth year Bachelor of Education degree, but there was no certainty they would.

The 60,000 projected places also included 13,000 for in-service teachers and there was little indication that that target would be met.

"If these figures fall short, and bearing in mind that our concept of a viable training unit is one of 600 or 700 students, an additional 15 to 20 colleges or departments could well follow the 30 already doomed", Mr Lee said.

Charge of aiding suicide of sister

Evelyn Hudson, aged 55, a spinster, was accused at Bradford Magistrates' Court yesterday of helping her sister to commit suicide.

Miss Hudson, of Wynford Way, Low Moor, Bradford, was sent on bail for trial at Leeds Crown Court. She was charged with aiding and abetting, counselling and procuring her sister, Miss Emma Hudson, aged 72, to commit suicide at her home in Culler Place, Bradford, on or before November 24 last. The case was brought under section 2(1) of the Suicide Act, 1961.

Reporting restrictions were lifted.

Mr Robin Irvine, for the defence, told the court that the case had attracted widespread local publicity and was "the sequel of a rather unfortunate situation". He added: "The funeral of the late Emma Hudson was stopped last November and the coroner asked the police to make inquiries.

"As a result this rare charge has been preferred. She denies it. As far as she is concerned she has been a devoted and loyal sister to the deceased. The deceased made a number of previous suicide attempts which the accused thwarted successfully by calling the emergency service.

"She was not present on this occasion and the result might have been very different had she been. The case will be contested when it comes to trial."



Three sets of brothers at the same traffic centre at Burpham, near Guildford, Surrey. Tony Parrott (top left), Derek and Robert Cooper (top centre), Ian Parrott (top right) and Peter and David Hills on motor cycles.

Tank simulator with real bumps and jolts

From John Charnes
Catterick Camp

Recruits to the Royal Armoured Corps beginning their tank driving training at Catterick may soon spend substantially more time handling the controls of a new simulator before being let loose behind the sticks of a £120,000 Chieftain, which costs nearly £40 an hour to run.

The Ministry of Defence is believed ready to conclude a contract with the Link-Miles company of Lancing, Sussex, for a full-colour tank driving simulator, with bumps and jolts included. Although some delay has occurred because the Army has not entirely decided what types of armoured vehicles it wants to have "simulated", a new, partially air-conditioned building is in an advanced stage of construction within the barracks of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, now doing duty as the RAC training regiment.

A comparatively crude tank driving simulator is already in use, presenting a flat black and white television screen-size picture image to the trainee as he handles the controls in a reproduced Chieftain tank driving compartment.

It does not, however, convey any sense of "feel", the trainee driver's mock-up compartment being fixed to the floor of the building. The new simulator, which may cost more than £500,000, will produce the same impression to a driver who mishandles his controls and runs into a miniature ditch or tree as if he had perpetrated the real thing.

"In such circumstances", a spokesman for the designers of the simulator said, "we hope the boy won't actually have to spit his teeth out, but he will certainly get a nasty jolt and probably won't make the same mistake again."

The trainee driver will also receive a "wrap around" full colour image with three dimensional effect of the terrain over which he is supposed to be driving.

Link-Miles, a division of Singer (UK) Ltd, have sold a prototype to an overseas customer whose name and nationality they are not prepared to disclose.

The view within the Royal Armoured Corps is that two types of tank should be simulated: the 54-ton Chieftain battle tank and the lightweight Scorpion tracked reconnaissance vehicle, which is gradually taking over the role of heavy armoured cars in the British Army. Executives of Link-Miles believe that the introduction of a sophisticated simulator for tank driving training may only mark the beginning of a new form of technology in which they claim Britain is ahead of the world.

At Catterick the new simulator would be another advance in the policy of taking trainee tank drivers off public roads. A seven-and-a-half-mile reinforced concrete driving circuit was completed about six months ago within the military training area and provides most of the conditions that tank drivers are liable to encounter on roads short of civilian traffic.

In brief

Mr Powell 'not in breach of Act'

A speech by Mr Enoch Powell, MP, advocating repatriation of immigrants did not breach the Race Relations Act, the Director of Public Prosecutions has decided.

Surrey Anti-Apartheid Movement had complained about Mr Powell's speech to the Surrey Monday Club in Croydon on February 27 when he said that without substantial repatriation he foresaw catastrophe in Britain.

Ratepayers on the ball

The rugby club at Diss, Norfolk, which has been protesting about a £116 rates bill for its club house, paid yesterday with a cheque written on a rugby ball bladder.

Ferry services cut

Ferry services on the Stranraer-Larne route would be cut because of mechanical trouble on the "Maid of Kent", British Rail said yesterday, but it should be back in service on Wednesday.

Festival scrapped

The uncertain economic climate has been blamed for the decision not to stage another theatre festival in Oxford this summer.

£15,000 jewelry raid

Two armed men escaped in a car with jewelry valued at about £15,000 in a raid on the Oxford Street shop of Richard Bowman in London yesterday.

Man in jail 22 months has case going to appeal court

From Our Correspondent
Hull

In a statement authorized by the Home Secretary yesterday Humberside county police said that a man, sentenced at Lincoln Crown Court in May, 1973, to four years' imprisonment for arson, had been released on bail pending an appeal next week.

He is Peter Shilhan, aged 23, who had pleaded not guilty at his trial. Mr Shilhan, Paul Peace, aged 22, and Patricia Ann Creft, aged 22, who all lived in Cleethorpes at the time, appeared charged jointly.

Mr Shilhan and Mr Peace were charged with arson by setting fire to the Elswick Hopper Cycle Company's premises at Barton on Humber in December, 1972. All three were charged with conspiring to defraud the Royal Insurance group by falsely representing that the warehouse had been accidentally set on fire. Patricia Creft pleaded not guilty and no evidence was offered. Mr Peace pleaded guilty and was sentenced to borstal training. Mr Shilhan pleaded not guilty and was sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

The police statement said that during the past three months Det Supt Ronald Sagar, deputy head of Humberside CID, had been making inquiries on behalf of the Home Office, and the Secretary of State had referred the case to the Court of Appeal. Mr Shilhan has been released on bail and his appeal will be heard by the Court of Appeal on April 14.

Notes found in airport raid

Police at Heathrow airport, London, discovered on Sunday more than £500 in banknotes, jewelry and other valuables hidden in lockers in aircraft piers next to the terminal one building.

The new find comes at the end of three weeks of spot raids at Heathrow by the airport Metropolitan Division.

New town 'must control housing

Sir William Gray, chairman of Irvine New Town Development Corporation, Ayrshire, has told Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, that new town housing must not be handed over to local authorities.

He said it was vital that the corporation retain the right to control house letting, planning its building programme in step with industrial and commercial development.

BBC warning against 'TV straitjacket'

By a Staff Reporter

The creation of a second commercial television channel "could be of great disservice to the public, reimposing the competitive straitjacket of the late 1950s and early 1960s", states a memorandum submitted by the BBC to the Annan committee on the future of broadcasting.

The corporation says in its memorandum, *Choice in Television*, that if BBC1 and BBC2 had to compete with two commercial channels "costs would rise and programme choice would narrow as the two sides competed for the general audience".

The memorandum draws a parallel between the effect on the BBC of the introduction of independent television in 1955, and the effect a new commercial channel would have now.

In the late 1950s the BBC lost about 70 per cent of its audience, faced spiralling costs, and gave a poorer service to minority audiences. "The allocation of the so-called third channel to the BBC rescued British television from the worst consequences of competition", it says.

The memorandum argues that four channels would produce competition for mass audiences again, bringing a narrowing of the range of programmes, and a tendency for similar programmes to be scheduled opposite each other on rival channels.

The memorandum supports that with a viewing schedule for a Tuesday evening on the main commercial networks in New York, with "comedy against comedy, western against western, and so on. Ironically, therefore, it can become the enemy of real choice".

The corporation will develop the arguments in the memorandum in later evidence to the committee. It believes that the present broad 50-50 balance is favourable to the public interest, and that British television compares "very well" with that of other countries.

The British Computer Society in evidence to the committee, says that the development of cable television together with data processing links could endanger privacy. Cable television lines could be used for many other purposes, such as reading meters, ordering goods, and even voting.

"It would be possible to monitor people's use of such services with considerable accuracy," the society comments. That might make them "vulnerable to certain kinds of marketing exercises which might constitute an invasion of privacy".

Such a network could yield much information about the spending pattern and daily routine of individuals.

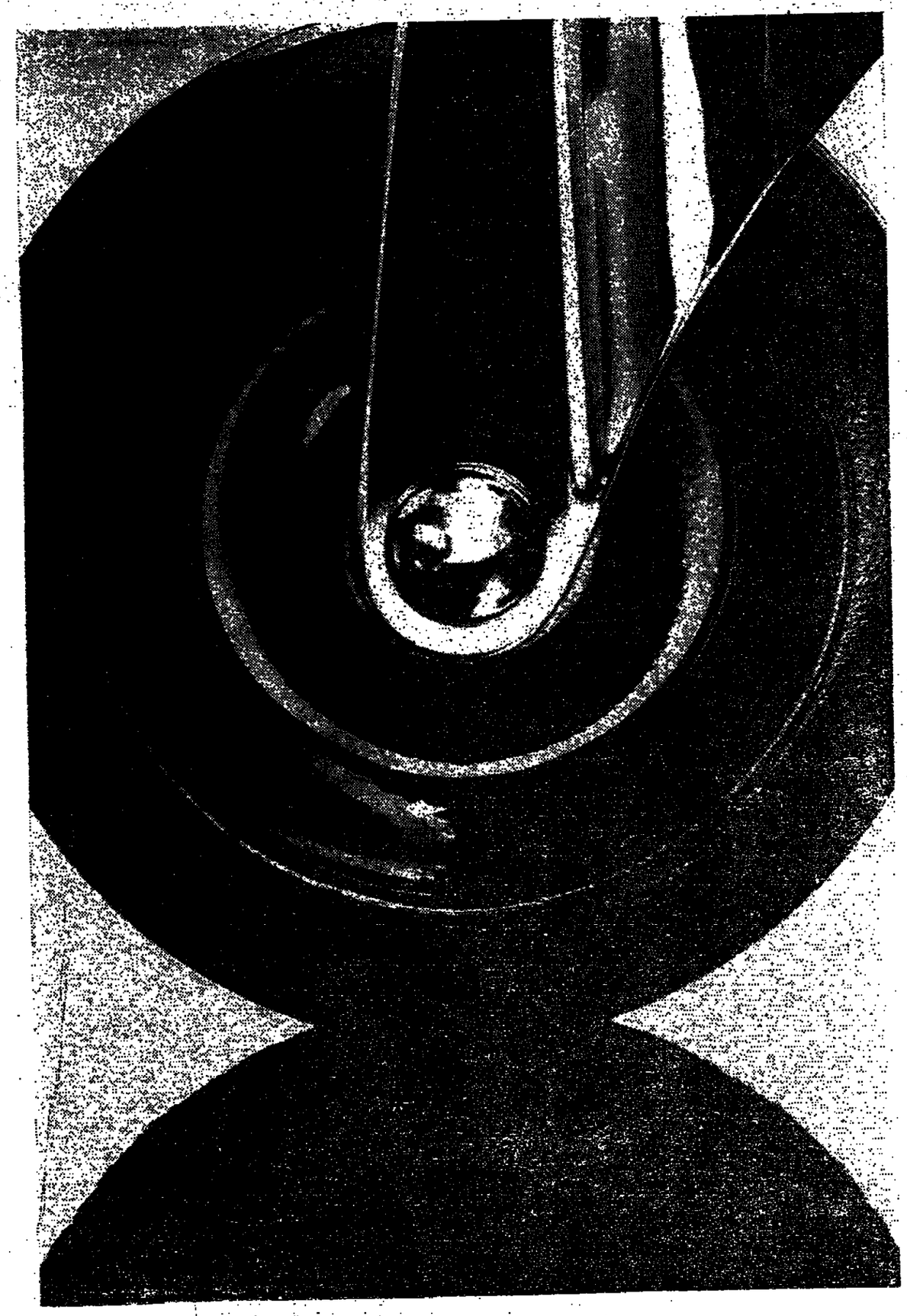
Lawyers attack proposals on motoring fines

The new scale of fines for motoring offences advocated by the Magistrates' Association and published in *The Times* yesterday was denounced by the British Legal Association (BLA) yesterday as "a slide-rule system, which in laying down arbitrary punishments has major constitutional implications".

Mr Jeffrey Gordon, for BLA, said: "It arrogates to the lowest branch of the judiciary the power to legislate. It means that under the suggested speeding fines of £1.50 for each mile per hour over the limit a man could be fined the whole of his week's net income.

"If there is any change in or redefining of the law that change, in our view, must be a matter for Parliament.

"These proposals from the Magistrates' Association will no doubt be the subject of an emergency resolution when solicitors from all over the country meet this weekend at the British Legal Association national conference in London."



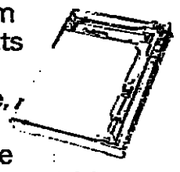
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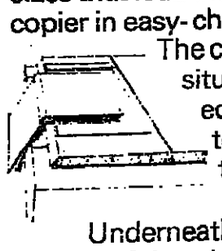
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HOME NEWS

'Inconsistent attitude' to women alcoholics

Society adopts double standards over women alcoholics, a clinical research psychologist said yesterday. "No one likes to think that the hand that rocks the cradle may be shaking from drink", Dr Gloria Litman, of the Institute of Psychiatry, London, told the annual meeting of the British Psychological Society in Nottingham.

But the number of women alcoholics was increasing, she said, and society made "moral and punitive judgments" on them that it did not make on men.

The ratio of male alcoholics to female was usually given as 6—1, she added: "This ratio is dropping very rapidly to 3—1."

Surveys had shown that people believed women would have more marital troubles from alcoholism, and loss of personality and self-esteem. "There is clearly a double standard being used, since women who drink to excess are seen as being vulnerable to becoming sexually promiscuous and this is seen as being more disgusting and degrading than violent behaviour in men."

Even alcoholic women said: "There is nothing so disgusting as a drunken woman."

Women could be driven to drink by the "empty nest", to blur the feeling of purposelessness that can affect a devoted wife and mother when children leave home or husbands die.

The wife of an alcoholic man was likely to devote herself to his recovery. But the husband of an alcoholic woman "is more likely at first to shield her and deny her illness until he can no longer tolerate it. Then he will leave her".

The non-drinking wife was suspected of contributing to her husband's drinking—"she drove him to drink"—but the husband of the alcoholic woman was seen as a long-suffering man who deserved sympathy for putting up with his wife's "inadequacies".

Mr Brian Tew, a research psychologist from the Welsh National School of Medicine, told the meeting that, according to a survey he had made, the divorce rate in marriages that have a severely handicapped child is much higher than normal.

The survey, in Wales, showed that in marriages with a child with spina bifida or a similar defect the divorce rate was 10 times greater than the national average if the child lived, and three times greater if it died.

He added that his studies of children born with malformations of the spinal cord and brain were on a relatively small scale. They covered 146 children born to 145 families between 1964 and 1966. They showed that where the spina bifida child had been conceived before marriage half the marriages had broken up and a further three-tenths were unhappy. In each case the father had walked out.



"Exorcism" successor: Miss *Anna Cropper, the actress who* takes over a star role in the West End play *The Exorcism* later this week, arriving for rehearsals yesterday. She replaces Miss Mary Ure, who appeared on the first night last Wednesday and was found dead in her flat the next day. An inquest opened at Battersea yesterday, and was adjourned until next Tuesday.

Sex equality Bill rebounds on Labour women

By Our Political Editor

The sex discrimination Bill brought in by the Home Secretary last month has rebounded on Labour women politicians who pressed for it. Yesterday the organization committee of *Labour's national executive* committee began a campaign to persuade Mr Jenkins to amend provisions that would make women's sections of the Labour Party illegal.

All the main political parties have women's organizations at various levels, and generally the political role of women has been given constitutional status.

In the Labour Party, for instance, the Bill's outlawing of sex discrimination would affect the women's sections of constituency parties, regional organization and the NEC, for which there is a separate election of five women members at each annual party conference.

Explosives in jail

Peter Lynch, aged 25, of Feeny, co Londonderry, a Provisional IRA prisoner serving five years at Portlaoise jail, was given a further six-year sentence at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday, for explosives offences at the *prison.*

Ministry criticized over delay on drug licence

The Department of Health and Social Security was criticized by Mr Christopher Besley, the Wells Street magistrate, yesterday after a London drugs company was found guilty of 11 cases of illegally making a life-saving drug. The summonses were brought by the department under the Medicine Act, 1968.

The court was told that two of the summonses against G. O. Woodward, of Putney, were for making a barbiturate drug that could save the lives of potential suicides by causing vomiting. The company was cleared of three summonses and fined a total of £220 on the other offences. It was said to be the sole maker of the drug.

Mr Besley said he had much sympathy with the company and *refused to award costs against* it. He said the department was "not at all helpful" in getting the company a licence. He found it *astonishing that in* spite of lengthy correspondence the necessary licence had still not been granted.

He continued: "One would have expected the department to have done its duty to the public by helping this company to get a licence and get it producing again." He was satisfied the company knew it was manufacturing medicine without licence but it was possibly exasperated by the department, possibly with good reason.

The court was told that the company was now restricted to making four medicinal products.

After the hearing Dr Robert Woodward, the company's managing director, said he was considering taking the case to the *Parliamentary* Commissioner (Ombudsman).

Labour's proposal for a regional unit in South

By Our Political Editor

Southern England would have its own regional authority under proposals in a policy document drafted by Labour's national executive committee for presentation to the annual meeting of its southern regional council in Hastings on April 19 and 20.

The proposal is to be seen as part of Labour's exploration of public opinion on constitutional devolution, which will be the subject of legislation in the next session of Parliament. The Bill is being prepared under the leadership of Mr Short, Lord President of the Council, and an *organizing committee of* ministers. It has to be assumed that the grant of a degree of self-rule to Scotland and Wales may stimulate a demand for stronger powers for the English regions.

The Kilbrandon commission on the constitution found no demand in England for forms of regional government. But that is not the whole difficulty for the Government. The creation of Scottish and Welsh assemblies, with powers and functions drawn from Westminster, might be expected to *lead to English pressure for a* reduction in Scottish and Welsh representation at Westminster, already disproportionately higher than England's.

The encouragement of a movement towards regional government in England might forestall that embarrassing argument, since Labour relies on Scotland and Wales to provide th: seats that allow it to form governments on Westminster majorities.

The NEC policy document calls for the creation of a new authority, with powers of coordination and general planning for th. southern region concerning environment, jobs, industry, education, health and transport.

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EEC REFERENDUM

TUC ready to mobilize behind campaign for British withdrawal

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The TUC is to mobilize its *resources behind the campaign* for Britain's withdrawal from the EEC after adopting a policy statement yesterday that rejects Mr Callaghan's renegotiated terms. Senior trade union leaders will make themselves available for anti-EEC platforms in the referendum debate, and the trades and regional councils, the local arms of the TUC, are being asked to publicize the labour movement's opposition.

The TUC international committee last night set the ball *rolling by adopting without dis*sent a 4,000-word paper deeply critical of the Government's renegotiation effort. It stated: "Not enough has been done. Not enough has been achieved to warrant a change in the policy of Congress, which is opposition to British membership."

This conclusion, and the TUC's arguments in favour of it, will be widely circulated in a pamphlet version of the policy statement, and a "pop" version to be printed in a special edition of the TUC's *Labour* broadsheet.

Yesterday's decision by the international committee represents a severe setback for the minority of lukewarm trade union supporters of the TUC's policy, who had hoped for a special congress where the argument for supporting the Cabinet recommendation could be thoroughly aired. The idea *of such a special conference* was quietly dropped yesterday, and the moderates are expected to pin their hopes on influencing the special Labour Party conference on April 26.

The TUC's policy statement singled out four issues for particularly strong criticism. First, the common agricultural policy, about which the TUC says that *renegotiation falls short of the* aims of the trade unions and that there should be a return to a national agricultural policy and expansion of domestic production. Mr Callaghan's attempt to change the policy had not given the TUC the assurance it sought that national policy based on deficiency payments could be fully pursued.

On industrial development, the TUC is not satisfied that present government policy in the field of industrial reorganization will be permissible if the terms prove acceptable to the electorate. The TUC argues that the nature of the EEC still inhibits a British government from pursuing acceptable industrial policies, particularly in the regions.

On the balance of payments and the Community budget, the TUC says the United Kingdom will continue to be a net contributor. "Our negotiation has yielded something, but not enough to satisfy equity."

On sovereignty, the trade unions believe that the role of Parliament and the extent to which national governments can pursue policies of their own choice is inhibited by Community rules. "The processes of law making and regulations will be more removed from the people than is warranted, and the processes of democracy are likely to be inhibited."

This thorough condemnation of all that has been achieved by the Government's renegotiation efforts will be rubber stamped by the TUC general council in two weeks' time, but after it becomes official referendum policy union leaders, like members of the Cabinet, will be free to oppose it as conscience or individual union *policy dictates.*

The policy statement concludes by saying that it is not binding on individual trade union leaders who might have differing views, as is the case with Labour politicians.

Mr Len Murray, the TUC general secretary, said last night: "We are looking for a temperate, serious discussion. *We accept that this is a very* serious issue for Britain, and we are anxious that the whole of the population are informed of the issues and reasons which led the TUC to take this view."

Nationalists seek separate budget for Scotland

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

A call for a separate reflationary budget for Scotland was made yesterday by Mr Douglas Crawford, Scottish Nationalist MP for Perth and East Perthshire and the party spokesman on finance.

In a letter to Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, he said the economic, commercial, business and employment difficulties facing Scotland were different from those for the United Kingdom as a whole.

The difference has been growing for years, but had now reached the point where a common solution was no longer possible, he said at a press conference in Edinburgh.

"Where the rest of the United Kingdom dare not attempt reflation, Scotland stands poised for a period of balanced expansion and growth.

Mr Crawford said that £500m was needed to be pumped into the economy. Scotland, unlike England, was equipped to benefit from such a budget.

Where England had to import thousands of millions of pounds worth of food, Scotland's food production was basically in balance. The cost of the foodstuffs she needed to import was balanced by the value of foodstuffs exported.

Where England had a chronic balance of payments deficit, the exports from Scotland were basically equal to imports. Much more per capita production went to the United States and to the Commonwealth, and where England had a continuing oil deficit, a self-governing Scotland could look forward to a considerable oil surplus to bring prosperity.

Plaid Cymru call: A free trade association of self-governing European nations to replace British membership of the EEC is urged in a policy document published yesterday by Plaid Cymru. It was agreed at a weekend conference of the party's national council at Aberystwyth.

No vote for Britons who reside abroad

By Our Political Editor

The provisional machinery for the EEC referendum was *set out in a White Paper* yesterday for the guidance of MPs in the three-day Commons debate. Reflecting the powers proposed in the Referendum Bill now before the House, the draft order will have to take account of any amendments made, particularly on whether there should be a national, regional, or constituency count the question on which there will be a free vote.

Not only MPs will benefit from a preview. The draft order will also enable local registration and returning officers to prepare for the referendum before the legislation reaches Royal Assent.

After that, the order will fix *the date of the referendum. No* date can be chosen by the Government until they have better means of judging how long the parliamentary process will take, but it is being made clear that Government business managers want a date as early in June as can be contrived.

So far as is manageable, the order applies normal election *procedure to the referendum,* with modifications to allow for the important difference that no candidates are involved. Provisions in the Representation of the People Acts, 1949 and 1969, the Parliamentary Election Rules, and Representation of the People Regulations are made applicable in detail in article 3 and the schedules to the order.

Article 5 enables the Home Secretary to arrange for observers at the counting of votes. But in the absence of candidates there will be no poll*ing and counting agents to serve* as overseers of the various stages, although MPs will be given the right to attend polling stations.

The most controversial part of the Government's referendum proposals, postal and proxy voting for United Kingdom nationals overseas, is dealt with in article 6.

The article provides that proxy and postal voting facilities available for a general or local government election shall apply to the referendum ballot. Voters who believe they have a claim to the facilities are advised to approach their local registration officer now to confirm that they qualify, and then to apply.

Government business managers recognize that the proxy and postal voting facilities may effectually disfranchise a large number of United Kingdom citizens living abroad: on the broadest definition of citizenship, several millions.

Principal procedural changes made by the draft order relate to central rather than local counting of votes. But on that question the free votes in the Commons makes the outcome for the present unpredictable.

Mr John Lee, Labour MP for Birmingham, Handsworth, has tabled an amendment to the Referendum Bill to provide that "the scrutiny, counting of votes, and the ballot reconciliation account shall be conducted in the same manner as for a general election; that is, separately for each parliamentary constituency".

Referendum Order, 1975. (Cmnd 6004, *Stationery Office,* 34p).

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EEC supporters taking up battle positions

By John Groser
Political Staff

Six pro-EEC Cabinet ministers and 91 members of the Parliamentary Labour Party have agreed to enter the lists as sponsors of the Labour Campaign for Britain in Europe under the presidency of Mrs *Williams, Secretary of State for* Prices and Consumer Protection.

They are:

Mr Anderson (Swansea, East), Mr Archer (Warley, West), Mr Armstrong (Durham, North-West), Mr Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent, South), Mr Baxter (Sunderland, South), Mr Joel Barnett (Heywood and Royton), Mr Blenkinsop (South Shields), Miss Boothroyd (West Bromwich, West), Mr Boltonley (Teesside, Middlesbrough), Mr H. J. Boyden (Bishop Auckland), Mr Bradley (Leicester, East), Mr Bray (Motherwell and Wishaw), Mr Ron Brown (Hackney, South and Shoreditch), Mr R. C. Brown (Newcastle upon Tyne, West), Mr Buchanan (Glasgow, Springburn), Mr Bust (Stoke-on-Trent, North), Mr Ivor Cohen (Leeds, South-East), Mr Crawshaw (Liverpool, Toxteth), Mr Cronin (Loughborough), Mr Crosland (Grimsby), Mr Dalyell (West Lothian), Mr Ifor Davies (Gower).

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Mr David Ginsburg (Dewsbury), Mr Graham (Enfield, Edmonton), Mr W. W. Hamilton (Fife, Central), Mr Hattersley (Birmingham, Sparkbrook), Mr Howell (Birmingham, Small Heath), Mr Cledwyn Hughes (Anglesey), Mr Sydney Irving (Dartford), Mr Jackson (Brighouse and Spenborough), Mr *Jeanne* (Leicester, West), Mr Roy Jenkins (Birmingham, Stechford), Mr D. Jones (Burnley), Mr J. Johnson (Kingston upon Hull, West), Mr Lever (Manchester, Central), Mr Lomas (Huddersfield, West), Mr Luard (Oxford), Mr A. W. Lyon (York), Mr E. Lyons (Bradford, West), Dr Dickson Mabon (Greenock and Port Glasgow), Mr MacFarquhar (Belper), Mr Mackintosh (Berwick and East Lothian), Mr MacLennan (Caithness and Sutherland), Mr Magee (Waltham Forest, Leyton), Mr Mahon (Bootle), Mr Marquand (Ashfield), Mr Marks (Manchester, Gorton), Mr Mason (Barnsley), Mr Mellish (Southwark, Bermondsey), Mr Moonman (Basildon), Mr Ogden (Liverpool, West Derby), Dr David Owen (Plymouth, Devonport), Mr Palmer (Bristol, North-East), Mr Parker (Barking, Dagenham), Mr Phipps (Dudley, West), Mr Prentice (Newham, North-East), Mr William Price (Rugby), Mr Radice (Chester-le-Street), Mr William Rodgers (Teesside, Stockton), Mr Roper (Farnworth), Mr Ross (Manchester, Blackley), Mr Sandelson (Hillingdon, Hayes and Harlington), Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mr S. Silkin (Southwark, Dulwich), Mr John Smith (Lanarkshire, North), Mr Michael Stewart (Hammersmith, Fulham), Mr Strauss (Lambeth, Vauxhall), Dr Shirley Summerskill (Halifax), Mr M. Thomas (Newcastle upon Tyne, East), Mr Tinn (Teesside, Redcar), Mr Tomlinson (Meriden), Mr Tomney (Hammersmith, North), Mr Walden (Birmingham, Ladywood), Mr Ward (Peterborough), Mr Whitehead (Derby, North), Mr P. I. Willey (Sunderland, North), Mr Alan Lee Williams (Havering, Hornchurch), Mr Alan J. Williams (Swansea, West), Mrs Shirley Williams (Hertford and Stevenage), Mr Wrigglesworth (Teesside, Thornaby).

Wilson speech aimed at preserving party unity

From Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

Calling on MPs yesterday to approve the Government recommendation, Mr Wilson told the Commons that in his judgment that would be the best course for Britain, Europe, the Commonwealth, the third world and the wider world. The decision in the June referendum was of a unique and historic character and he urged that no one in the excitement of the debate should make exaggerated claims either for remaining in or withdrawing from the EEC.

In a deliberately low-key speech, clearly aimed at holding the Labour Party together and with one eye on the Government's position in the event of an unfavourable referendum vote, the Prime Minister said that remaining in the Community would not of itself solve any of the nation's problems any more than would a policy of withdrawal. Basically, the solution to our difficulties did not lie in or outside Europe, and Britain would survive and prosper in direct correlation to our *own efforts in this country.* Any attempt to persuade the British people that there was any other way to prosperity inside or outside the Community1 apart from their own efforts and restraint, would be to debase the argument and to mislead.

Mr Wilson's words indicated that whatever other ministers would do he had no intention of barnstorming about the country during the campaign with doom-laden warnings of "Europe or disaster". As the three-day EEC debate opened, one glance at the Government front bench was sufficient to indicate some of his problems.

The Prime Minister was surrounded by pro-Europe ministers: Mr Jenkins on one side *and Mr Callaghan on the other.* All the main anti-EEC figures in the Cabinet, Mr Shore, Mr Foot, Mr Benn and Mrs Castle, were absent during his speech. Only Mr Ross, and the late arrival of Mr Varley kept the anti-EEC flag flying on the front bench.

From the Tory front bench, Mr Whitelaw rapidly made clear the Opposition tactics would be to give full-hearted approval to the White Paper and even con*gratulations to ministers for* the renegotiation successes, while preparing the way for Mr Wilson's downfall should the nation vote for withdrawal.

What would happen, Mr Whitelaw asked, if the result went against the Prime Minister and the recommendation of his Government? The White Paper had made clear the dangers to *Britain of a vote for withdrawal* and that this course could be only a second best. Such a position for the Prime Minister would be too degrading and humiliating to be tolerated. Mr Wilson's gamble was reckless in the national interest and totally unjustified. Mr Thorpe, from the Liberal benches, agreed.

It was clear early in the debate that the absence of anti-EEC ministers would not set an example to Labour backbenchers. Mr Douglas Jay set the theme for opponents to the Government's recommendations when he told the House that the renegotiation had changed almost nothing and that every MP knew that in his heart. The sovereignty of Britain, he said, was being sapped by an authoritarian system of legislation that was removing democratic control of the people over the laws and powers of the Government.

Earlier, Mr Wilson attempted to placate the opposition within his own ranks by conceding that the Government had not got all it wanted, but it felt it had substantially achieved the objectives set out in 1972.

The nature of the Community had changed, and would change further, in a way that had greatly reduced his anxieties about the supranational institutions established by the treaties.

Quite apart from the renegotiation terms, the magnitude of the changes in world economic conditions since 1971 underlined the difference between a decision not to enter an organization while still having traditional ties and contacts and a decision years afterwards to pull out. Whether we liked it or not history had not stood still in the past three or four years.

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WEST EUROPE

Opposition collapses to proposals for a draft constitution offered by Lisbon military leaders

From Nicholas Ashford
Lisbon, April 7

Opposition by two of Portugal's leading political parties to a plan that would leave the armed forces in virtual control of the country for the next three to five years totally collapsed today.

Both the Socialist Party and the centre-left Popular Democratic Party (PPD) admitted they would have to accept the constitutional proposals put forward by the ruling Supreme Revolutionary Council although they are still pressing for minor modifications.

Most of the parties taking part in this month's elections are expected to sign the pact tomorrow.

The end of their resistance to the military's draft constitution *came while the 240 members of* the Armed Forces Movement (MFA) general assembly was meeting to consider the replies submitted by the political parties at the end of last week. It was the first meeting of the general assembly since the March 11 abortive coup and also since the assembly's membership was expanded from 200 to 240 to include NCOs and privates as well as officers.

The Armed Forces plan, which will form the basis of the country's new constitution, gives almost total power to the 28 officers in the Supreme Revolutionary Council. A leading member of the Socialist Party said today that although the party felt that military power should be subordinate to civilian power it recognized the right of the MFA to continue to "*guarantee the democratic pro*cess" during their three to five-year transitional period.

The armed forces plan was contrary to the Socialist Party's *principles,* but "to abandon the MFA now would be bad for the MFA and for us", he said.

At a rally last night in Lisbon, a leader of the PPD, Senhor Francisco Balsemao said his party must accept the reality that Portugal was living through a revolution and that the MFA was its motor. It was not possible in the short space of one year "to attain democracy of a Western-type which so many people desired".

Portuguese who are eligible to take part in the elections for a constituent assembly on April 25 continue to be swamped by political propaganda. All twelve parties contesting the elections are being given extensive radio and television time and the newspapers, most of which are now under state control, are devoting pages to political speeches by party leaders. Almost every building in Lisbon is festooned with political posters, the yellow hammer-and-sickle on the red background of the Communist Party being the most prominent.

Workers on the right-wing *Liberdade* paper today issued a statement protesting over the continued detention of their editor, Senhor Luis Arouca, who was arrested shortly after the March 11 abortive uprising. Like all the other people arrested since then no charges have been brought against him.

Liberdade was one of the few papers to be critical of political developments in Portugal. Shortly before the March 11 events it had carried an article by a Brazilian journalist comparing the present situation in Portugal unfavourably with the regimes of Dr Caetano and Dr Salazar.



Residents search the wreckage of their homes in Vals, Switzerland, after an avalanche.

Six Germans missing in avalanche

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evacuate the survivors and also lifted scores of villagers and tourists from threatened areas and took them to safety. Five more villagers were still feared to be buried, however, at Acla under the snowslide which swept away several houses

Three Swiss skiers were killed yesterday at Praettigau to the north east when an avalanche surprised them at about 6,600ft. In the canton of Tessin near the Italian frontier another snow mass, crashing down on a holiday chalet, killed *five members of a Swiss family.* —Reuter.

Our Milan Correspondent writes: Six German tourists were still missing tonight after two avalanches fell yesterday on the road between Solda and Gomagoi in the Italian south Tirol, burying four cars.

The occupants of one of the cars, a married couple from Essen, were rescued. Another car was found with the bodies of two Germans, father and son. Two more cars are believed to be still buried.

Tamsweg, Austria, April 7.—Rescue workers today dug out the bodies of three children from the wreckage of a house destroyed by a landslip yesterday.

Police said they were still searching for the twelfth and last victim, the 75-year-old wife of the householder.—Reuter.

Callaghan move for Nato summit next month

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, has suggested to Dr Kissinger, the American Foreign Secretary, that there should be a summit meeting of Nato heads of government in Brussels at the end of May. His idea, which is *not yet a firm proposal,* is that the Nato countries, whose Foreign Ministers will be in Brussels at that time anyway, should concert their views before the expected summit meeting of the European security conference in Helsinki this summer.

Reporting this move in its current issue, *Time* magazine says that *Mr Callaghan is pro*posing that Nato leaders should reexamine common problems and reaffirm Western unity at the highest level, and that the United States is expected to endorse the idea.

The Foreign Office explained yesterday that several countries have been considering the idea of a Nato summit, in view of the probable conclusion of the European security conference at the end of June or in July. Mr Callaghan first put his idea to Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, when they met at London airport on March 27.

It is not clear whether the Nato countries will widen the discussion to examine the general state of Western unity, in the light of events in South Vietnam and elsewhere, or will confine themselves to the European security conference. The third stage of the conference has yet to be finally agreed, but there have been signs of greater Soviet flexibility in Geneva recently in response to Western demands that further progress is needed to justify holding the conference.

Las Vegas, April 7.—President Ford is studying the British proposal for an early summit meeting of Nato heads of government, but no decision has been reached yet, Mr Ronald Nessen, the White House press secretary, said today.

The President had not yet decided whether he will make a European trip this year, he added, despite earlier expectations that he would go to a possible East-West summit in Helsinki.—Reuter.

Wage and price controls to be set up in Spain

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, April 7

The Spanish Government sought public support for new wage and price controls today, as Cabinet members explained the measures on television. Señor Cabello de Alba, the Economic Minister, and Señor Suarez Gonzalez, the Minister of Labour, took part in a televised press conference.

The measures include a freeze on prices, except for increases authorized to compensate for rising costs; a ceiling on wage rises, which cannot go higher than 3 per cent above the rate of increase of the cost of living; a limit on dividends; and special taxes on unearned income.

Bombs in wine area

Agen, April 7.—A series of bomb explosions damaged government property in four southern French towns during the night, the police said today. Winegrowers say that imports of cheap Italian and other foreign wines are causing them to lose money.

Trimaran found off Crete without crew

Valetta, Malta, April 7.—A Greek tanker today found a capsized British trimaran drifting 90 miles west of Crete but said there was no sign of the three people believed to have been on board.

The Trimaran, the Llandwynn of Anglesey, sailed from Crete on March 28 carrying two Royal Air Force technicians, Carol Lucas, aged 37, and Alan Oldham, aged 23, and Mr Lucas's 12-year-old son Martin. Severe storms were reported in the area after they left.

Both men had just ended a tour of duty at the RAF's Episkopi base in Cyprus, and it was planned to sail the yacht to England by way of Malta. Mrs Lucas and another son ageo six flew home from Cyprus.

The upturned hull was sighted by an RAF aircraft from Malta. —Reuter.

Priest arrested

Avellino, Italy, April 7.—Police have arrested a post office worker, his wife and a parish priest on charges of stealing 200m lire (£132,189) mailed home by emigrants and squandering much of it on the Lotto (national lottery).

Protests over suspension of Sarthe prefect

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, April 7

The suspension by M Michel Poniatowski, the Minister of the Interior, of M Jacques Gardouin, the Prefect of the Sarthe, after the kidnapping on Saturday of four hostages by two escaped prisoners, has aroused much indignation among the press, local officials, and the public.

M Gardouin was suspended for "conduct not of the kind expected of a high official *under such circumstances".* The objectors now accuse the Government and the minister with inconsistency for having punished a senior official because he followed scrupulously instructions to do everything possible to save the lives of the hostages.

M Gardouin, they feel, deserved praise for having saved three of the four hostages by sheer power of persuasion—even if he used language which could hardly be described as "prefectoral". *What made it worse was that* it could be heard by millions of people on radio and television.

M Poniatowski said the prefect's suspension on Saturday evening had nothing to do with language. The language did not matter if the affair was conducted with coolness and efficiency, he told a press conference this morning, but both were lacking.

The minister avoided attacking M Gardouin directly, but his annoyance with him was made explicit by the praise that he lavished on the Prefect of the neighbouring Department of the Loiret for his handling of the situation when the two prisoners later took four other hostages at Montargis.

"The prefects and police have received instructions to: 1, save the hostages, and 2, arrest or neutralize the gangsters, every time this is possible. Both these objectives were achieved at Montargis in the Loiret, but not in the Sarthe, where the affair began", the minister said.

Messages of sympathy and support for M Gardouin have been pouring in. A farmer whose wife and children were freed by the prisoners, because of the prefect's blunt language, said: "I do not understand. If they are safe, it is thanks to him". M Michel Jobert, the former Foreign Minister, also condemned this "unjust decision".

OVERSEAS

Nyerere call to end all talk of détente with Pretoria

Dar es Salaam, April 7.—President Nyerere, of Tanzania, today called for the continued isolation of South Africa, but offered black Africa's backing southern African liberation in any negotiations between movements and the white *minority governments.*

The President, opening a *special session of the Organization* of African Unity (OAU) to discuss the situation in South Africa, said black Africa must make quite sure to both its friends and enemies that it would stop fighting only when racism and colonialism had been wiped from the continent.

He urged OAU foreign ministers to reiterate their determination to "liberate" southern Africa and dismiss all talk of *détente or dialogue with the* South African Government.

President Nyerere declared: "This conference is not about so-called dialogue or détente with South Africa. This conference is about the liberation of *southern Africa. Its purpose is* to make quite sure that we are clear *in our minds about how* we should proceed now, after the successes of the freedom fighters in Angola and Mozambique."

The Tanzanian leader, whose country has been headquarters for most of colonial Africa's nationalist movements, said the *geography of the freedom* struggle had changed dramatically with imminent independence for Angola and Mozambique. The very existence of an independent Angola and Mozambique had not only changed the political and military situation for Rhodesia and South Africa, but must cause them to rethink their policies. Africa must do likewise, the President said.

"This conference will have succeeded if it leaves South Africa in no doubt at all that we are still ready to use peaceful means to achieve independence in Rhodesia and Namibia (South-West Africa); but if this is made impossible, we shall resume and intensify the armed struggle.

"If they (South Africa and Rhodesia) are ready to talk about decolonization, we talk. If they are not ready to talk, we fight until they are ready."

South Africa's banned nationalist movement, the African National Council, said at today's meeting that there was no evidence of change within South Africa to justify movement away from the policy of isolating the apartheid regime.

The council said in a special declaration that Mr. Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, was seeking to hoodwink the world into believing he and his Government were genuine friends of the people of the African continent. The declaration called on the OAU to reject South Africa's overtures and reaffirm its commitment to isolating the "racist" south.



Mr Desai, a former Minister, meditates as he begins a fast to force early elections in his home state of Gujarat.

Indian former Minister begins fast

Delhi, April 7.—Mr Morarji Desai, the former Deputy Prime Minister of India, today began an indefinite fast to demand elections next month in his home state of Gujarat.

Mr Desai, who is 79, was dismissed from the Government by *Mrs Gandhi, the Prime Minister,* during the Congress Party split in 1969. Last night he had a large glass of milk and seven dates before beginning his fast this morning, after hour-long prayers at his Delhi residence.

The former Deputy Prime Minister also is seeking an end of the state of emergency which has been enforced almost continuously since the 1965 Kashmir war with Pakistan.

Gujarat has been under direct *rule from Delhi since early last* year, when a student movement brought down the state Government on charges of corruption. Mr Desai last week rejected a last-minute offer by Mrs Gandhi to hold state elections in four months' time, when the serious drought situation in the state should have eased after monsoon rains.

Opposition leaders have asserted that the Government's decision is motivated by politi*cal considerations,* and that the Congress Party is afraid of facing the electorate after a series of poll reverses in the past year amid serious economic problems.

Joint space mission unaffected by Soyuz

Moscow, April 7.—The Soviet Union asserted today that the failure of its latest manned space flight would not affect plans for a joint orbital mission with the United States planned for July.

"Officials of the Soviet space programme assured me that this mission had nothing to do with *the rendezvous,*" said Mr Egan Loebner, science counsellor of *the United States Embassy here.* Russia did not provide details of the failure on Saturday when a Soyuz spacecraft carrying two cosmonauts got into trouble soon after launch and returned for an emergency landing.

The report from the space centre said that the third stage of the Soyuz rocket deviated from its normal course. An *automatic device ejected the* capsule containing the cosmonauts, Colonel Vasily Lazarev and Mr Oleg Makarov, a civilian.

Our Science Correspondent writes: The latest failure in the Soviet space programme is making the Americans look very carefully at plans for the link-up in space in two months' time.

On preliminary information, the Americans believe the curtailment of Soyuz 18 involves factors outside those of the joint mission. It was a failure *to get into a correct orbit and* therefore the error happened at a stage of flight before one that would affect the safety of American crews in the joint venture.

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South Africa makes enriched uranium

From Michael Knipe
Cape Town, April 7

A pilot plant for the enrichment of uranium has gone into operation in South Africa. Disclosing this in Parliament here today, Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, *said that it would* enable the country to proceed *with the large-scale production* of enriched uranium for *commercial purposes.*

South African energy experts *believe that this development* will put the country in the forefront of energy production internationally, adding significantly to its export earnings and strategic importance to the Western powers. South Africa and South-West Africa have about 26 per cent of the Western world's uranium reserves—second only to the reserves in the United States. *Enriched* uranium is the fuel used by *more than 85 per cent of the* world's nuclear power stations; *and its importance* is increasing with the rapid growth of world energy needs and dwindling oil supplies.

None of the countries already possessing the highly sophisticated and militarily significant enrichment technology were willing to share it with South Africa. With this no doubt in mind, Mr Vorster emphasized today that the development of the enrichment project here without any assistance from foreign countries inspired enormous confidence for the future of scientific and technological development of South Africa.

The cost of a large-scale production complex will be prodigious. Estimates range from *550m rand (£344m) to 950m* rand and partly because of this *South Africa is expected to seek* foreign partnerships both to finance the project and to market the enriched uranium.

British energy experts have expressed the view that South Africa will be unable to find a market for its enriched uranium; but South African experts refute this. South Africa's uranium enrichment process, al*though secret, is known to be* different from the methods used elsewhere and the overall production costs are expected to be 25 to 35 per cent lower.

Meanwhile, M Norbert Segard, the French External Trade Minister, arrived in South Africa today, underlining the increasing warmth of Franco-South African relations.

M Segard is heading a 20-man trade delegation which will spend a week in South Africa studying methods of increasing economic and commercial co-operation between the two countries. The French Minister is expected to offer French aid for the development of South Africa's ports and may possibly sign a contract for the building of a *nuclear power plant.*

Uganda sends troops to Tanzania border

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, April 7

Uganda announced today that men of its Malire mechanized regiment had "taken over" the Tanzanian border, west of Lake Victoria, and were reconnoitring crossing points "in case *Tanzania tries to invade* Uganda again". Ugandan fighter pilots were surveying Tanzanian air bases, a military spokesman said.

The move coincided with the Organization of African Unity ministerial conference opening today in Dar es Salaam. After tension along the border last year, Uganda and Tanzania both *agreed to withdraw their troops* from the immediate border under an agreement proposed by Somalia. There have been no serious incidents.

President Amin of Uganda, it was announced, had cancelled plans to travel abroad and assumed command of all regi*ments. Recalling the guerrilla* attack on Uganda from Tanzania in 1972, he said that Uganda could not trust Tanzania so long as Mr Milton Obote, the former President of Uganda, remained in that country.

Soviet missiles stockpiled in East Africa

From Drew Middleton
New York, April 7

Defence Department officials say the Soviet Union is stockpiling longe-range guided missiles in East Africa. They are being kept in a large, newly built naval support installation at Berbera, Somalia.

The so-called cruise missiles are believed to be intended for the surface ships and submarines of the Soviet squadron deployed in the Indian Ocean. The squadron, whose strength is said to vary from 10 to 15 ships, is active in the Arabian Sea, the section of the Indian Ocean east of the entrance to the Persian Gulf.

Now that the Soviet squadron is assured of rapid resupplying of its cruise missiles, a military analyst said, the Russians and their Arab friends from Iraq to southern Yemen could, in an international crisis, control the exits from the Persian Gulf *and from the Suez Canal-Red* Sea supply lines.

The missiles are believed to range from the SSC-1, with a range of 200 miles, to the SS-N5 with a range of 700 miles.—New York Times News Service.

Smallpox spread in India by Bangladesh migrants

From Our Correspondent
Calcutta, April 7

A fresh wave of migration from Bangladesh now threatens to undo some of the remarkable results achieved by a campaign to eradicate smallpox from eastern India.

Driven by acute economic distress and social insecurity in Bangladesh, famished men, women and children are crossing *the borders into neighbour*ing Indian states, such as West Bengal, Assam, Tripura and Meghlaya. Some estimate the daily influx at several thousand.

More than 20,000 refugees were recently found in a small subdivision in Assam. It is difficult to check the movement of people along obscure village routes or empty fields.

Those detected at the borders are stopped; but it is difficult to trace and return those who manage to move in. Many of them have swollen the beggar population in Indian states *bordering Bangladesh.*

The resulting economic and administrative problems in these states are obvious. As many of the refugees are Hindus, there is also a danger of communal bitterness.

However, most serious concern now is over the transmission of smallpox from Bangladesh, where more than 1,100 localities, including towns and villages, have been declared focal points of an epidemic.

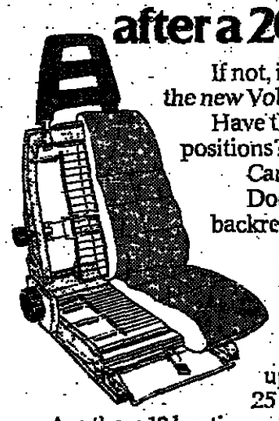
Only eight localities in West Bengal are affected; and patients in six of them are from Bangladesh. Carriers of disease from Bangladesh have also arrived in other states.

If fresh transmission from Bangladesh can be controlled; smallpox should soon be eradicated from India. A campaign against smallpox, launched with help from the World Health Organization, has already yielded almost incredible results and, appropriately, the theme chosen for World Health Day today is "Smallpox: point of no return."

Smallpox was endemic in 30 country when WHO began its campaign in 1967; it is endemic today only in India, Bangladesh and Ethiopia.

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Have a look next time you're in a tight spot.

Does it fire first time on a cold morning?

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Is the starter motor powerful enough?

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Can the damp get in?

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Bear these things in mind next time your car misbehaves.

Will it look after you (and your family) in a crash?

Has it got a specially designed front and rear that can absorb the energy of a 50 mph collision?

Is the fuel tank tucked between the rear wheels, the safest possible place?

Is the passenger compartment protected by a safety cage?

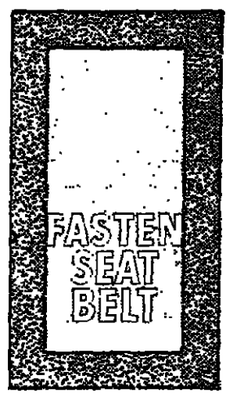
Is a laminated windscreen standard?

Will the steering wheel telescope in an accident?

Have the rear doors got child-proof locks and windows?

Does it nag you to wear your safety belts?

If not, is it really safe?



Are the controls easy to reach and hard to confuse?

See how your car fares with this one.

Can you shut your eyes and still tell one switch from another?

Have you ever turned off the lights when you meant to stop the windscreen wipers?

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Phnom Penh Government fears it may lose airport in face of big insurgent assault

From Bruce Palling
Phnom Penh, April 7

The Phnom Penh Government fears a big attack will soon be made on Pochentong airport after considerable Red Khmer gains in the area in the past 24 hours.

With the insurgents now only four miles from the airport the United States Embassy staff feel that should it have to evacuate soon, it will most likely be by helicopter because of the danger of a collapse near the airport. To reduce its responsibilities the United States State Department announced that from today it will no longer accept responsibility for the fate of any non-American correspondents even though they may be employed by American companies.

The embassy has been trying to cut the 50-strong corps of correspondents by half in line with their own embassy reductions and total withdrawal of all American voluntary officials in the past 48 hours. The three main voluntary agencies—Catholic Relief Service, World Vision and Care are all managed completely by their Cambodian staff, for the time being.

American embassy officials say privately that what they fear is panic such as developed in the last days of the evacuations from Da Nang in South Vietnam. By sending its personnel and third country nationals who worked for the embassy out on the military aircraft flying between Thailand and Phnom Penh the embassy has reduced the numbers it is responsible for by several hundred since late last week.

Non-American corresoondents remaiuing are doing so on the understanding that should an evacuation be ordered the Americans would not fail to evacuate any Europeans in the vicinity.

Apart from the failure of the Phnom Penh troops to control Red Khmer penetration near the airport at least two provincial capitals have come under heavy attack since yesterday. This afternoon the outside defence perimeter of Prey Veng, east of Phnom Penh was penetrated

About 30 miles west of Phnom Penh Kompong Speu has been heavily attacked and, according to military sources, a regiment of Red Khmer troops has moved in as far as the town's market place. The entire capital of Kompong Speu has been cut off by road for some time and has been receiving resupply by airdrop. The serious resurgence of fighting in the provinces, the danger of the airport being cut off along with any Congressional move to block further military aid to Cambodia has engendered a general air of despondency and depression in the United States Embassy

Phnom Penh, April 7.—Cambodia's stand-in leadership today discussed a formula that could lead to unconditional surrender to Khmer Rouge insurgents moving in on encircled Phnom Penh.

Reliable sources said that inside the city, General Sokham Khoy, the acting President, was meeting past and present political leaders for talks on unconditional surrender to the forces of the Royal Cambodian Government of National Union.

In an interview published by *Le Monde* in Paris today General Khoy replied to a question on surrender: "It is not for me alone to decide, but if the majority of the people wanted it, you could not prevent it."—Reuter.

6,000 willing to adopt Vietnam war orphans

By David Leigh and Neville Hodgkinson

There is no shortage of people to adopt the Vietnamese children who have been bundled into Britain in what was—until the South Vietnamese Government called it off yesterday—an unprecedentedly large exodus.

Since 1968, the British Vietnam Orphans (BVO) project has had 6,000 applicants anxious to accept orphans. Only 40 children have been adopted, partly because the organizers have been anxious to handle no more than they could and partly because the formalities take up to a year.

Until the announcement that *1,400 children could be flown out*, the Thieu Government dealt only with individual applications, which were scrutinized painfully slowly. Mr Terry Gough, the secretary of BVO, emphasized yesterday that the children were not "stolen". Parents commonly left their children in Vietnam orphanages, he said; only those who signed a certificate relinquishing rights completely could have their children flown out.

The BVO is caring for 52 of the 99 children who flew into Britain on the flight organized by the *Daily Mail*. Of the remainder, 18 will be adopted in Europe by the International Social Service and the remainder, some of whom are handicapped, are the responsibility of the Ockenden Venture.

At Kuffolds, an Ockenden Venture country house in Haslemere, Surrey, the happiness of 42 of the orphans, their ages ranging from a few months to 12 years, was apparent enough yesterday. Throughout the day there was scarcely a cry and, when not eating or sleeping, they had an ample supply of helpers, including children from Haslemere, ready to amuse or cuddle them.

The only anxiety was among some of the couples who arrived as prospective parents, only to find that their child could not be traced. Name tags or numbers had been lost during the flight. By last night, only six of the children had left the Kuffolds centre, having received Home Office clearance.

BVO, although it is a small organization, could cope with the influx, Mr Gough said. The children would be looked after with available staff and funds until a short list of prospective parents was drawn up.

The British Red Cross Society's appeal for £2m relief inside Vietnam has met a "marvellous" response. Mr Paul Adams, head of the society's international relief operations, said in London yesterday. "We have had to recruit volunteers to open all the letters."



Tam Woolley, aged about two, was rescued from the Galaxy crash last Friday at Saigon. Now he is in the arms of a helper at the Ockenden Venture centre in Surrey. He was among the children flown to Britain in the "babylift" flight

CIA director makes a plea for intelligence sources to have greater protection

From Fred Emery
Washington, April 7

A pointed plea that America's intelligence sources be protected "in the same way the journalist protects his" was put today to a meeting of publishers and editors by Mr William Colby, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Mr Colby repeated his recent refrain that CIA sources abroad were being scared off in the present climate of exposure. Taking as his theme that intelligence was much like journalism—(but long live the differences)—he said CIA was being jeopardized by its status "number one sensational lead" in the news.

He appealed for responsibility. Corrections issued to his prepared text turned "some recent" dealings to "various dealings" in which, he said, he had found "much evidence of this responsibility". Presumably, this was a reference to the quite extraordinary (for American editors) decision by newspapers to refrain from publishing details of secret attempts at raising a Soviet submarine.

He suggested that reporters copy those he described as "our more critical journalists" in telephoning for comment ahead of publication. Mr Colby added: "This does allow the presentation of good reasons to write the story so as to protect important secrets or even, in exceptional cases, to withhold it."

He went on: "I do not ask that 'bad secrets' be suppressed. In fact I have exposed some of our mis-steps of the past. I also believe that 'non-secrets' should be exposed. A 'non-secret' I define as a known fact about intelligence which in the old tradition would have been kept secret, but which in our open society should no longer be withheld. The public inquiry and debate we are conducting as to the proper authority, limits and supervision of our national intelligence effort falls into this category."

He defended the CIA practice of aiding foreign politicians. "There are occasions", he said, "in which some quiet assistance to friends of America in some foreign country can help them withstand hostile internal pressures before they become international pressures against the United States." But he insisted that clandestine actions were a "comparatively small proportion" of CIA activities—and proportionately in great need of protection.

"While I think our country has developed the best intelligence service in the world", he went on, "I must warn you that it is in danger today. Intelligence by its very nature needs some secrets if its agents are to survive and if its officers are to do their work . . .".

Mr Whitlam cancels mercy flight to Saigon

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, April 7

Mr Whitlam, the Australian Prime Minister, announced tonight that, as a result of the South Vietnamese Government's ban on any mass evacuation of children, his Government had had to cancel the proposed airlift of a further 200 children from Saigon to Australia.

The jumbo jet was ready in Sydney, loaded with medical supplies and food for Saigon and with doctors and nurses standing by for take-off, when the decision to cancel was announced.

Mr Whitlam also said that the Australian Government had decided to donate a further $A1m (£555,000) to the United Nations fund for refugees in South-East Asia, bringing Australia's contribution this year to the fund to $A3,250,000.

Meanwhile, the Liberal-Country Party coalition's fact-finding mission to Cambodia and South Vietnam has returned to Australia after spending a week in the affected areas. They reported to the *Opposition shadow Cabinet* and told reporters that they considered the Whitlam Government's aid to the region had been insufficient, not well-coordinated, and totally inadequate.

Britain speeds plan for hospital in N Vietnam

By a Staff Reporter

The first stage of a £1.6m appeal to build a 200-bed hospital in North Vietnam was launched in London yesterday by Lord Caradon, former British representative at the United Nations.

Lord Caradon is president of the British Hospital for Vietnam committee set up 18 months ago. He said that the present circumstances had given the project an even greater urgency, the date of launching the appeal had therefore been brought forward from September.

Asked whether there might be some resistance among the British public to contributing to a project in North Vietnam, Lord Caradon said the idea for the hospital had been thought of many years ago. The hospital was to be sited at Ki-Ang, in Ha Tinh province, on Route 1, close to the South Vietnamese border.

Mr Charles Clefton, technical adviser to the hospital committee, said that the original 500-bed hospital near the site had been obliterated by bombing. The second temporary hospital had also been bombed. Now a third hospital, consisting mostly of thatched mud huts, was trying to cope with 150 patients a day. In all more than 60 per cent of the hospitals in North Vietnam had been destroyed by bombing.

The cost of the proposed building, which would be prefabricated in Britain and shipped out, would be about £800,000. Equipping the hospital would cost at least another £800,000, for which a second appeal would be launched. The Vietnamese themselves would staff and run the hospital.

Children uprooted by war 'should be settled at home'

By Diana Geddes

Mr Malcolm Harper, disasters officer for Oxfam, who has just returned to London from a 12-day visit to Vietnam, yesterday described the Saigon Government's clamp-down on the mass evacuation of orphans from the country as "very sound policy".

Where possible, the children should not be removed from their cultural, religious and physical environment, he said. It had long been the policy of the North Vietnamese to send abandoned children and orphans back to their home villages for care by the community.

But, Mr Harper said, there were certain groups of orphaned children who could be "at risk" in the event of a total Communist victory, such as those obviously born of American fathers. He estimated that there were about 1,000 half-Negro orphans in South Vietnam.

Mr Harper thought that handicapped orphans might also be at risk, simply because they were less able to fend for themselves in difficult situations.

The Saigon Government had not imposed a total clamp-down on the evacuation of orphans; they had merely decided to make it difficult.

The big official aid programmes were encountering enormous problems, Mr Harper said, because they were geared to helping where the Saigon Government still held sway; while the volatile military situation demanded a high degree of flexibility.

Mr Tom Litterick, Labour MP for Selly Oak, said yesterday that the airlifts had been "insane

Vietcong seek aid for refugees

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, April 7

The Vietcong liaison office here has asked the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for radio equipment and technicians needed for flying relief supplies direct to the former United States airfield at Da Nang.

According to Vietcong representatives, the electricity supplies at both Da Nang and Hue are largely intact: but control towers at both airfields are without equipment.

Major efforts to get relief supplies to areas of South Vietnam now controlled by the North Vietnamese are getting under way here. United Nations officials estimate that about eight million people—three million children among them—need immediate help.

The World Council of Churches today appealed for $1 million for emergency aid

Contest of credibility in Connally bribes trial

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, April 7

Mr John Connally's defence in his bribery trial in Washington is simple, and his chief counsel set to work on it this morning. The former Secretary of the Treasury is accused of accepting $10,000 (about £4,100) as a gratuity from a milk co-operative in recognition of his successful efforts to have the support price of milk raised in 1971.

The defence contends that when the cooperative's lawyer, Mr Jake Jacobsen, offered the money, Mr Connally indignantly refused it—and that Mr Jacobsen then pocketed it. The trial thus resolves itself into a straight test of credibility between Mr Connally and Mr Jacobsen.

Mr Edward Bennett Williams, the defence counsel, set out today to show that Mr Jacobsen was a perjurer, an embezzler and an admitted criminal.

All Mr Jacobsen could do this morning was to sip water and confirm unhappily that he had indeed said all the things Mr Williams read out to the court.

He gave evidence before grand juries when the prosecutors became interested in the "milk deal", to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to Congressional committees that Mr Connally had refused the $10,000 that Associated Milk Producers Inc (AMPI) had set aside for him. Until about a year ago, Mr Jacobsen was asserting that he therefore had put the money in his own safe deposit box.

He has changed his story since then, and knows in advance the sort of things Mr Williams is going to say about him. The Government agreed to drop a long series of charges against him, including some concerning stock frauds, in exchange for his testimony against Mr Connally.

Mr Jacobsen's story now is that Mr Connally accepted the money in 1971, but when the special prosecutors started examining AMPI's books and discovered the $10,000 payment to Mr Jacobsen, Mr Connally summoned him, put on a pair of rubber gloves and paid out $10,000 to him from a cigar box, telling him to put the money in his safe deposit box and to say that it had always been there.

Victory for Opposition in Greek local elections

From Mario Modiano
Athens, April 7

In most of the 124 towns where run-off municipal elections were held in Greece yesterday, it was the candidates supported by the opposition parties who were again elected mayors. After the storming of Athens and Patras last week, left-wing mayors also won in Piraeus, Salonika and most of the suburban municipalities of Athens.

Most of the biggest Greek cities are now controlled by mayors and municipal councils whose ideological allegiance is not for the Karamanlis Government. However, this is unlikely to affect relations between the government and the local administration in the prevailing tame political climate, especially since the ruling party refused to back any candidates.

One leading Greek commentator said: "Undoubtedly the Opposition can lay claim to victory, but also Mr Karamanlis can state truthfully that he was not defeated."

Inevitably the opposition parties insist that the results of the municipal elections are bound to have political repercussions. The pro-Communist Party, which scored significant local gains, said that yesterday's triumph carried from the people a clear message: The Government should press on with the purge of the administration, and liberalize the draft constitution.

The local elections proved above all how the methodical work of the Communists at this level can yield results which are inversely proportional to the power they command at national level, particularly when they can secure the cooperation of the liberals and the socialists.

Food prices in Pakistan to go up by 50 per cent

From Our Correspondent
Rawalpindi, April 7

Food is going to cost up to 50 per cent more in Pakistan from today after a Government decision to raise prices of wheat, edible oil and sugar. Officials said a combination of external and internal factors caused this unprecedented move.

Prices of wheat have been raised from 21 rupees. 50 paisa (about 88p) to 32 rupees (£1.30) per maund (about 82lb); sugar has gone from 3.50 rupees to four rupees per seer (2.057lb) and edible oil from 7.50 rupees to nine per seer. The Government has also reduced the sugar ration by 25 per cent a head.

The announcement increasing food prices comes after repeated assurances that the economic situation should take a turn for the better by the end of this year. The rise also follows the recent increase in the cost of power, fuel and fertilizers.

An elaborate statement outlining the reasons for the price rises also made oblique reference to essential expenditure on defence.

Cairo talks help to mend Arafat-Sadat rift

From Our Correspondent
Cairo, April 7

Relations between Egypt and the Palestine Liberation Organization, recently strained because of differences on the handling of the Middle East crisis, seem to be mending after top-level discussions in Cairo today.

President Sadat received Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine leader, who arrived last night to explain PLO views on latest developments including Egypt's request to reconvene the Geneva Middle East peace conference.

Mr Arafat had earlier today a two-hour talk with Mr Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister. Sources said that they had exchanged views on the strategy of handling the present stage of the crisis.

Mr Fahmi was also believed to have sounded Mr Arafat on *whether the PLO would want to* attend the Geneva conference and in what role.

The meeting between Mr Arafat and President Sadat was their second since the PLO had criticized Egypt for holding talks with Dr Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State.

In an interview published in Cairo yesterday Mr Arafat said that any differences between Egypt and the PLO "are normal between comrades in arms".

Observers in Cairo believe that President Sadat has reemphasized to Mr Arafat that Egypt's moves to settle the Middle East crisis peacefully would in no circumstances contradict its commitment towards the Palestine cause.

Tel Aviv, April 7.—Senator Jacob Javits, before leaving for Washington today after talks with Israel leaders, said that he did not think relations between the United States and Israel were at a crisis.

"I did not carry any messages and am not taking anything back with me. Since my visit was unscheduled, I do not think I should make any statements", he told reporters at the airport

The senator said that his eight-hour visit in Tel Aviv was a stopover on the way back from Teheran and a tour of Nato countries.—Reuter.

Two hijackers executed in Teheran

Teheran, April 7. — Two Kurdish sympathizers who hijacked an Iraq Airways Boeing 737 airliner to Teheran on March 1, were executed by firing squad in Teheran today. They had been convicted by a military court. It was the first reported execution for air priacy.

The third hijacker, believed to be the leader of the group, was shot dead by Iranian police when the aircraft crash-landed in a field near Teheran airport. Three passengers were killed in the shooting.

According to reports at the time, two of the hijackers were Kurds and the other an Iraqi sympathizer of the Kurdish rebellion in northern Iraq. One of the two executed today was 18. The execution was reported by the Paris news agency.

Six days after the hijacking, Iran and Iraq concluded a general agreement at the oil producers' summit meeting in Algiers. Under its terms Iran withdrew all support for the Kurdish rebellion, which collapsed within days.

After a wave of hijackings in 1970, Iran said that it would not tolerate air piracy in any circumstances.

When the pilot of the Boeing 737 radioed that the airliner had been hijacked on a flight from Mossul, in northern Iraq, to Baghdad, and that the hijackers were demanding $4.5m (£18m) and the release of 85 Kurdish political prisoners in Iraq, the Teheran airport authorities closed the airport and blocked the runways.

They refused to accept the demands of air pirates, whatever their motives.

The pilot had to crash-land the aircraft because he had run out of fuel. There were 75 passengers on board.—Agence France-Presse.

As a tribute to the late President, all regular television programmes and commercials have been cancelled since yesterday. Flags will be flown at *half mast during the mourning* period and every half-hour a round of cannon shot will be fired.—Reuter.

Iraq says lives at stake in Euphrates clash

Cairo, April 7.—Iraq today asked for an emergency meeting of Arab Foreign Ministers to discuss its claim that Syria is endangering the lives of Iraqis by blocking the Euphrates river waters, Arab League officials said.

Syria was accused last month of deliberately restricting the flow of the river which runs through their two countries.

Iraq sources here said three million Iraqis working on farms in the river basin were threatened with catastrophe. The Government was sending in convoys of water tankers daily.

30-day mourning period for Chiang Kai-shek

Taipei, April 7.—Thousands of mourners paid homage today to President Chiang Kai-shek as they filed past his body at the Sun Yat-sen memorial hall in Taipei.

The Taiwan Government has ordered 30 days' mourning for the President, who died on Saturday. His body was moved from the Veterans' Hospital to the hall this afternoon.

A funeral committee, headed by the newly-appointed President Mr Yen Chia-kan, decided today to hold a memorial service on April 16.—Reuter.

In brief

Stonehouse debt judgment

Melbourne, April 7.—Judgment for a debt of $A67,304 (about £37,300) was obtained against Mr John Stonehouse in the Victorian Supreme Court today by the London branch of the First National City Bank. The bank claims the money is due on overdraft.

Missing Nureyev

Cape Town, April 7.—A gold sculpture of Rudolf Nureyev, the dancer—part of a set of 10 pieces sent by air from London for exhibition—was missing, believed stolen, when the aircraft arrived here.

Crash 'kills hundreds'

Moscow, April 7.—Scores or even hundreds of people are feared to have died when a crowded commuter train in Lithuania ran into a military goods train loaded with petrol.

62 Saudis released

Riyadh, April 7.—Sixty-two political prisoners serving terms of between six and 30 years, have been released in Saudi Arabia under an amnesty ordered by King Khalid.

Peak assault begins

Katmandu, April 7.—A British army mountaineering expedition has begun its assault on the Nuptse peak, near Mount Everest, which the group plans to climb next year.

Omanis to the attack

Muscat, April 7.—Jet fighter-bombers of the Oman Air Force attacked a camel caravan carrying supplies to insurgents across the Sarfait area, near the South Yemen border.

Atlantic row attempt

Cape Town, April 7.—Mr Michael McIntyre, a 27-year-old bachelor from Sussex, left here today in an attempt to row 3,500 miles across the south Atlantic to Rio de Janeiro.

US bases talks

Athens, April 7.—Greek and American officials today opened the second phase of talks on the status of American bases in Greece.

Rare bear turns up

Moscow, April 7.—A rare albino brown bear has been discovered in a nature reserve in the Pamir mountains of Soviet Central Asia.

15 Suez Canal dead

Ismailia, April 7.—Fifteen people, most of them Egyptian soldiers, have been killed and more than 50 injured in clearing the Suez Canal of mines and other war debris.

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Fashion

What the stars foretell by Prudence Glynn



Valentino

Valentino: "If it's properly cut, anyone can wear the narrow line"

When Valentino showed the new straight-and-narrow line in his couture collection in January—a week incidentally before the same silhouette caused such heart burning in Paris—buyers fumed at a drastic change which would outdate stock which they were even then having delivered to their stores. In fact, the change may be the boost the industry needs; both English and American women looked askance at the chemise, and yet wanted a new look in separates. Valentino has produced this, but done it with such flattery and with such a new sense of proportions that I cannot believe women will wait until autumn to wear the new look.

The skirts are two and a half inches below the knee, either pleated from a deep plain yoke or, prettier, cut with a single seam at the back and looped over to a double pocket and two pleats over the left knee. Pullovers, which are a crucial factor in the collection, are long and narrow, so although the shoulders are not built out even those with larger hips look well balanced—from the back as well. Jackets are taken from the Chinese vertically quilted traditional shape with a Mandarin collar, but they are made in very fine suede or grey squirrel reversing to grey flannel or beige wool.

There are very few coats, Valentino preferring to wrap the jacket around with a woolly shawl. Colours are very muted, grey beige, cranberry and navy (sensational). Under the long sweater goes a silk shirt with a tiny scarf tucked around the collar, and the use of different textures in the ensembles is excellent, say a smooth flannel skirt, silk shirt, crunch knit sweater, suede jacket. The shoes have high stacked leather heels and a neat lace-to vamp, stockings are fine and coloured to the outfit. The jewelry again has a Chinese influence, with large carved stone medallions.

Black and white dogtooth check wools make up a whole section of the show, and for evening the prettiest prints are flowers with an Indian border panel used vertically. Valentino's new blouse is very soft, smocked round a collarless neck and tied with tiny strings.

Having sworn I would never wear a straight skirt again after the fifties I can now see myself succumbing to the lure of this ravishing new look. It is a brilliant collection, but be warned: if you are going to start wearing narrow clothes put your watch forward half an hour; it takes that much longer to walk anywhere.









Kenzo for JAP. Black and white tiny flowered dress, pleated kilt skirt tied round with scarlet ribbons, striped mini-tabard top. Kenzo clothes are available from JAP on Knightsbridge Green.



Kenzo

Kenzo at JAP: Evolved a whole new full look for skirts and tops three years ago, master of the distribution of fabric volume. "The narrow look had to come; it's not the result of commercial pressure"

Since the blue-jeans brigade wear them all the year round I might have grown out of being surprised that they do not all die of cold in the winter, but in fact it is still a surprise to me to see cotton as an all-season fabric. Kenzo uses it in several layers though, and his new collection is so pretty and so original that a good many customers are going to be prepared to risk goosepimples to wear it.

Colours are bright and gay—red, blue, green, yellow, prints tiny flowers or big floral velvets by Bernard Nevill for Cantoni. The dresses have long sleeves and a deep cowl which can be pulled up over the head, and they are mid-calf length and narrow. Over this basic dress goes a tiny sleeveless tabard in a stripe, or for evening flowered velvet, left unbuttoned on the shoulder; over the dress skirt goes another skirt in contrast cotton, pleated very finely from a deep plain band of fabric wrapped low on the hips and bound into place with long bright ribbons.

Kenzo's new shirt is cut with a deep godet under the arms and the sleeves are so long you wear them pushed up into folds—the same idea he uses on his new pullovers. His coats are very easy, made in loden cloth in traditional colours.



Photographs by Harry Kerr



St Laurent

Accused of being irresponsible for changing his "naive chemise" of January into a dauntingly unflattering tube by July. Not available for comment (pre-collection nerves, perhaps). Possibly more accurate to say that St Laurent, with his flair for simplification, did the full, layered look at its minimal in January when it was already on the way out and the world wanted the change he went with in July.



Yves St. Laurent: Right: The dress to strike terror into the bulgy. Stoat-slim angora jersey in greige, baggy boots. Above: Narrow velvet skirt, tucked in silk blouse, cardigan jacket, warming shawl.

If you met a woman dressed for autumn 1975 by Yves St Laurent you would have to look twice to check she was really there. This is the most understated, undercoloured, unerotic collection he has ever done, infinitely practical with warm parka jackets, neat and narrow in the skirt, and to my mind dauntingly difficult to wear. It is for the woman who knows her own body and has no doubt about her chic.

In shape St Laurent's tucked in jerseys, tube jersey dresses, capes, macs and "little" frocks look like items from some super de luxe chain store, the sort of thing you buy in a hurry and put on for comfort. Obviously M St Laurent feels that this is a moment for concentration on other things than new style, contenting himself with putting broad belts round completely flat dresses adding a practical cardigan or shawl for warmth.

The colours are beige, stone, black and more black, dark green, brown. The only note of gaiety in this collection are the suede boots with high crepe wedge heels. For St Laurent devotees, it is a miracle of restraint; for anyone with a bulge here and there, part slimming.





Lagerfeld

Karl Lagerfeld: "I am always looking for new ways to make a dress . . I hate seams . . . you must not torture material"



Karl Lagerfeld for Chloe. Above: Bois de rose long tabard over a slim dress, rose woolly stockings. Below: Black sheer evening dress made from just three pices of material.



Karl Lagerfeld, who after a freelance period is now involved through Chloe in designing furs for Fendi, luggage for Fendi, and a perfume for Elizabeth Lilly besides his regular collections, is an intellectual in fashion. "At the same time a designer must realize that fashion is not a great art like painting, but it is important must be the most important thing to him. You must know for what you are employed and your job must be the most important interest in you."

Soft, floaty, full dresses made with very subtle cut are the Lagerfeld hallmark, but this season he narrows the silhouette without any of the constrictions imposed by St Laurent's tight waist, and manages to make a basically tailored shape look very soft and fluid. His colours are delicate—he says flesh is in fact his favourite—and there is a near-miraculous new system of inserting sleeves for students of the art of cutting to boggle at.

Karl Lagerfeld is convinced customers want quality—as clothes become more expensive so customers will become more discriminating. With his well-arranged business life and his sympathetic supporters, Lagerfeld looks much the professional designer the French promote so well. Does he travel a lot on his commissions? "Only on holiday. I like to imagine the world from my own window."

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Substantial impact of 'save it' campaign

House of Commons

MR HUCKFIELD (Nuneaton, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Energy for a statement about the results of the "Save It" campaign.

MR VARLEY (Chesterfield, Lab)—My officials will shortly be assessing the first results of a scientific survey into the impact of the advertising during the launch phase of the campaign which opened on January 20.

I am, however, satisfied from the evidence of interest by the press, radio, television and public that the campaign has already made a substantial impact.

I am planning to develop the campaign during the spring and summer at a cost in advertising of £1.8m. The main thrust of the campaign will be to persuade the public to improve the insulation in their homes.

MR HUCKFIELD—I congratulate the Secretary of State on the good sense and tone of this campaign compared with the panicky "Switch off something" and "Clean your teeth in the dark" campaign of last year. Is he not afraid, however, that just like the *Government* health warning on cigarette packets, the public will get used to it?

MR VARLEY—I hope not. I do think the public have expressed an interest in the campaign and feel that it is worthwhile and is having an impact.

MR LANE (Cambridge, C)—Is the Secretary of State satisfied that shops, offices and hospitals are yet making nearly enough savings in heating, and, if not, what is he going to do about it?

MR VARLEY—I hope that this survey will reveal what needs to be done further. I will not hesitate to take any further action I feel is necessary.

MR KELLEY (Don Valley, Lab)—On the roads motorists are disregarding the speed limit which is part of the campaign to save energy. Anybody with a car above 950cc is apparently motoring at the highest capacity speed of their engines. A call should go from this House that people must observe these limits not because it is a criminal offence to break them but because it is in the national interest to observe them.

MR VARLEY—It is necessary to observe them and I am sorry if people are disregarding the law in *these circumstances. I have no* evidence that the law is being avoided in that great amount.

Energy consumption has gone down over the last year. Total energy consumption in 1974 was 4.5 per cent down on 1973 and oil consumption in 1974 was down by over 6.5 per cent compared with 1973. There is a lot more evidence to suggest that savings have been made.

MR PATRICK JENKIN, Opposition spokesman on energy (Redbridge, Wanstead and Woodford, C)—In view of the mild winter, rising unemployment and a stagnant economy, why does the Secretary of State think that these figures have anything to do with the saving campaign?

MR VARLEY—Mr Jenkin is continually criticizing the saving campaign. I am loath to criticize him because of his fine record in energy saving—(Labour laughter)—but it is time he started helping the Government instead of constantly carping and criticizing. (Labour cheers.)

New impetus sought for coordinated research

European Parliament
Luxembourg

HERR FLAMIG (West Germany, Soc) moved adoption of a report by the Committee on Energy Research. The report cautioned against another failure in direct Community research since the European Parliament would then be faced with the difficulty of deciding whether further funds should be made available for the continued operation of the Joint Research Centre.

It pointed out that the committee had been following the development of the Joint Research Centre for many years and had warned against allowing it to continue to exist without being assigned appropriate and clearly defined research projects.

It welcomed the fact that the Commission had made provision for the staff required to allow the Joint Research Centre to make a new start and submitted a programme capable of further development and extended to include the non-nuclear field. It called on the Council of Ministers and the Commission to ensure that the necessary materials, staff, and finances were available so that the centre might continue to work successfully.

The centre had begun with ambitious plans. It was planned to set up within the EEC an establishment which was independent, in the development and operation of nuclear reactors, of United States uranium enrichment.

There was a silver lining to a sombre situation. New management had been hired and now the Council of Ministers should not be parsimonious when allocating the necessary funds.

MR NORMANTON (UK, Cheadle, C) said the Conservative group believed that Community research would never be productive or cost effective until some form of institutional framework of parliamentary control was established. Until that day research on behalf of the Community should be funded with contracts placed with any one of a vast number of existing recognized and highly reputable establishments.

HERR BRUNNER, Commissioner for Science, Research and Education, said that the time had come to make a fresh start to reduce the dependence on oil imports. The common research centres of the Community played an important part in that. The Council of Ministers must concentrate on a reduced programme of giving realistic prospects to the Community centres and to their staff who were hoping for guidance.

We are (he said) trying to draft a programme for alternative sources of energy. We shall not lose sight of conventional ways of energy research in Community research centres.

The Commission were not trying to hide difficulties. They were trying for a new impetus for coordinated work.

The report was approved.

Better for Britain to stay in EEC: Mr Wilson wants a good-tempered campaign

MR HAROLD WILSON, Prime Minister (Huyton, Lab), moved:—

"That this House approves the recommendation of her Majesty's Government to continue Britain's membership of the Community as set out in the White Paper on the membership of the European Community".

He said that after the debate in the Commons ended on Wednesday, the issue would rest with the country in a free vote through the ballot box.

For many MPs, as for millions outside, the issue was not limited to an assessment of the outcome of the renegotiations. Many had made their minds up already on what were, to them, still more fundamental issues. Many made their minds up years ago.

There would be a substantial body of opinion in and outside the House who believed on almost doctrinal grounds that Britain should be in the Community for the greater economic good of Britain in the changing world.

For some the political arguments transcended even the most important economic considerations. Equally, there was a substantial body of opinion which was fundamentally opposed to British membership, who held that no possible renegotiations could have changed the nature of the Community sufficiently to enable them to support British participation.

MPs taking up that position reflected a widespread feeling throughout Britain—a feeling which cut across parties and across industrial, social, political and even religious loyalties.

There was also a large body of opinion, less doctrinally committed, which would assess the case for or against remaining in the Community, by the result of the renegotiations.

This less committed group (he said) will seek to assess how far the renegotiations have fulfilled the objectives set out in the manifesto put before the electorate in February, 1974, and again submitted to the people in the October election; they will assess the areas where we have not secured the objectives we set out, for example in the fundamental alteration we called for in the CAP; but how far, also, the changes that have been secured are adequate to meet the purpose of the manifesto objectives.

Even in that relatively uncommitted group, there were other considerations which must be taken into account, such as how far had the EEC itself changed, and how much it had changed as a result of the renegotiations.

Had Britain never entered the Community, or had Britain been content to accept the terms negotiated in 1971, he believed other MPs would still by this time have been calling for a fundamental stocktaking of the working of CAP, in the light of recent experience both as regards the ludicrous piling up of beef and butter mountains, and the national budget burdens involved in paying for the cost of agriculture in the Community.

But in that case, as in other areas of the Community's activities, change had been significantly furthered by the fact of renegotiations.

Catalyst of change

We can claim (he said) that the renegotiation process has been not only a catalyst of change—and, basically, change in the right direction—but it has been an initiator, a creator, of a process of fundamental change.

In the past years, negotiations had involved not only in these islands an occasion for fundamental reassessment of Britain's position over the Community. They had started a scarcely less fundamental process of re-examination by other member governments, particularly the six founding members, of their own individual, national positions in relation to the Community.

Basically, the Community on the day of British entry in January, 1973, was hardly different from what it had been as a Community three years earlier, apart from the consequential changes of widening the membership.

The world had been transformed in the past two years by the energy crisis, with the oil surcharge on the costs and prices structure, and by the resulting imbalance of world monetary flows and stocks. Committed pro and anti-Marketeers and no less a large body of uncommitted middle opinion, would be relating their Market assessment to that central fact.

We said in 1972 (he continued) that the monetary problems of the European countries can be resolved in a world wide framework. That is precisely what we are seeking to do.

The first objective of negotiation in the manifesto was the common agricultural policy, and the Government had not got all they wanted. That policy has not been fundamentally changed. Following the initiative of the German Federal Chancellor, root and branch stocktaking of the CAP was taking place.

More than that, the Government had secured far-reaching changes, not in the doctrine or theology of the CAP but in its practical operation of meeting the requirements of British and Commonwealth food exports. The achievements were significant and made reality of the manifesto objective.

EMU was not a feasible proposal for as many years ahead as could be foreseen.

The fears expressed in the manifesto about Britain being required to maintain a fixed exchange rate which threatened employment was not on.

They had secured fundamental renegotiation of their right and that of other countries to pursue regional policies best suited to national requirements. Apart from the regional fund, they had secured arrangements which would enable Britain to go on operating its own system of national aids as seemed best and had secured arrangements which would enable them to take quick emergency action when employment was threatened.

Our criteria, accepted by the Commission (he said) laid down that action to deal with migration from an area needs priority as high as action to prevent sudden increases in unemployment.

Our assertion, accepted, is that in these matters national governments are the best judges of what is right for their own countries.

One problem about steel had been highlighted in the case of the Newport mini-mill. There were no powers to control private investment in the steel industry. If a Government was to hold back the level of new investment in the public sector, it was unacceptable that the private sector should be free to invest as it wanted. (Conservative cries of "Why?")

There were no powers to control private investment in the steel industry. They had existed in the Steel Act but were repealed after the 1971 negotiations by the previous Government. Nor had the Community any powers in this matter. There was a vacuum and powers were clearly needed. In that context, contingent notice of treaty revision had been given by the appropriate British minister in March.

He (Mr Wilson) had said to the other heads of government in Dublin that Britain would carefully study the methods used in other EEC countries. He had said that, informally and by planning and EDC control Britain intended to have the powers needed in this matter.

Failing that, it would be a question of treaty revision but there was nothing in the founding treaties or in practices or policies under the treaties which precluded or could preclude Britain from nationalization or from taking the whole of the residual private sector into public ownership if the Government and the House thought that right. (Labour cheers.)

There was a proper anxiety, reflected in the Labour manifesto and underlying their approach in renegotiation, about the dangers of Community interference in economic management. On those issues, of industrial, regional and steel policies and the rest, there was not, as he had seen suggested, a soft and easy option outside.

The Efta partners who had remained outside and were in association with the Community had found that Community-Efta agreements had required their assent to a condition of their agreements precisely similar to those within the EEC: measures to prevent the frustration of competition by regional subsidies or other grants.

It was self-evident that while Britain, within the Community, was a party to negotiated changes in those requirements, Efta countries had no part or lock in those negotiations.

Contrary to the situation when the manifesto objectives were first drafted in 1972, the VAT harmonization threat was no longer real. Many countries were insisting on increasing the numbers and variation of their value-added taxes. There was no challenge there to Britain's freedom.

The Government felt they had substantially achieved the objectives set out in 1972 and endorsed by the Labour Party in successive years since then, up to and including the 1974 manifesto. (Labour cheers.)

But, secondly, the nature of the Community had changed, was changing and would change further. It was changing in a way which had greatly reduced his own anxieties about the number of supranational institutions established by the treaty and not responsive to political control by ministers representing national interests.

The Council of Ministers and heads of government were dealing specifically with problems on the basis of the higher common interest. His experience had been of a total readiness of the Commission to cue into line with political realities as expressed at the Council of Ministers and heads of government conferences.

He knew there was a wide feeling that the Commission was over large, too bureaucratic, overstaffed—(some Labour cheers)—and overexpensive. This was not just the view of opponents of the EEC idea in Britain or other countries. It was a view which had become articulate at the highest level in ministerial and, particularly, head of government talks.

A number of us (he said) have made just these charges.

One suggestion which should be considered was that the larger countries entitled to nominate two Commissioners against the one nominated by each of the others should each be content with a single Commissioner.

While paying tribute to the dedication of Commissioners, there was widespread feeling in the Community that there were too many of them for the work which had to be done. This naturally led to some proliferation and creation of work for its own sake—in the words of Abraham Lincoln, "Too many horses and not enough oats".

A largely self-governing Commonwealth wanted Britain to stay in Europe. And it was not only trade relations which had been changed and diversified. Some of Britain's oldest and closest Commonwealth partners, particularly New Zealand and Australia, were following a course of political reorientation. Canada and other Commonwealth countries were seeking closer formal relationships with the Community.

To those who feared that in the conditions of 1975 and beyond Community membership meant autarchy and an inward looking political stance for Europe, he would say that relations with the wide world were better and more constructive today than for some years past.

This week's debate and the referendum revolved round a single issue—whether Britain should remain a member of the Community or pull out. Quite apart from what had been achieved in the negotiations and from what those who had been dealing with the Community closely had felt to be a change in its nature and operation, the magnitude of the change in world economic conditions since 1971 (inevitably unforeseen by most of them) underlay the difference between a decision not to enter an organization while still having all one's traditional ties and contacts, and a decision some years afterwards to pull out. These were two different decisions.

Like it or not (he said), praise or criticize the 1971 terms, there have been two, three or four years in which history has not stood still. That is a fact. For my part, I would have to be a great deal more dissatisfied with the terms we have secured to be able to ignore that *fact of history.*

Full awareness

They had to have a full awareness of what the decision would mean to Britain's economic future. Spokesmen on both sides might be in danger of making exaggerated claims. He hoped it was going to be a good tempered campaign and was sure it was going to be. All the campaigners could avoid exaggerated claims.

He hoped that during the great national debate no one would be so carried away as to forget for one *moment that in or out of the* Community, Britain survived and prospered in direct correlation to their own efforts in this country.

Britain would survive and prosper by a greater degree of industrial harmony and reconciliation and cooperation and a willingness to accept sacrifices, not just in material terms, but past practices, policies and prejudices and partial affections.

The situation had been aggravated by the world oil crisis, but Britain's non-oil deficit had been reduced by a fraction of what it was a year or more ago.

They needed all their resources of determination and national effort to maintain that trend until they were in balance.

He had said many times that the short-term challenge of inflation meant dealing with incomes, recognizing as they must that their long-term vulnerability to that wide problem stemmed from the failure of successive governments to secure industrial investment at anywhere near adequate levels.

To be in the Market (he said) does not of itself solve any of these problems, nor would a policy of withdrawing from the Market. Some would be harder to solve outside, in my view.

Basically, the fault, and therefore the solution, lay not in or outside Europe; they faced a challenge to the British people and Britain. Anyone who in the excitement of the debate sought to persuade their fellow countrymen that there was inside or outside the Community, any other way apart from their own efforts and restraint, was debasing the argument and misleading those whose elected representatives they were.

My judgment is (he said) that on an assessment of all which has been achieved and all that has changed, to remain in the Community is best for Britain, for Europe, for the Commonwealth, for the third world and the wider world. All of us recognize that this debate and the decision to be taken in June is of a unique and historic character.

During this period (he concluded), whatever may divide us on Europe, we shall be false to all we believe in if we fail to proclaim that our survival, standard of living, the future of our children and country and our influence in the world, all this, depends in the last resort on how we respond as a nation to the challenge, which is part external and part internal, a challenge to the resolve and resources of the people of Britain. (Loud cheers.)

Mr Whitelaw calls on Tories to join in giving powerful lead

MR WHITELAW, Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Penrith and the Border, C), said he agreed that the campaign should be sensibly and fairly conducted without bogus or unfair points or malice on any side.

He also agreed that their future was bound to depend on their own efforts in this country. He hoped Mr Wilson would accept that many of them felt that *withdrawing from* Europe at this stage would be a self-inflicted wound making the attainment of those objectives much more difficult and harder to achieve.

Mr Wilson's speech, in conjunction with the White Paper and the full statement on March 18, presented a most powerful case for Britain staying in Europe and making clear in the starkest terms the disadvantages to the United Kingdom, Western Europe, and the world of Britain's withdrawal from the EEC at that time.

At the same time, it was also rather ironic that the strength of the positive arguments presented a powerful justification for Mr Heath and the last Conservative Government negotiating Britain's entry in the first instance. (Conservative cheers.)

Loss of good will

He would not want to underrate the achievements of the Foreign Secretary or Minister of Agriculture who had clearly negotiated skilfully and, through the assistance and cooperation of Britain's partners in the Community, gained significant improvements in Community arrangements from the United Kingdom standpoint.

They were only able to do so because Britain had entered the Community and was a member state. (Conservative cheers.)

Undoubted improvements could have been obtained in the course of the Community's normal development and without the whole business of renegotiation under the threat of withdrawal. The Prime Minister's manoeuvre had already damaged this country's reputation in Europe and for the future involved grave dangers for the nation. (Conservative cheers.)

The process of renegotiation, and still more the reasons for it, had inevitably cast doubts on Britain's political stability and reliability as partners. She had exhausted some of the good will which would be necessary in future discussions, provided Britain stayed in Europe.

The referendum innovation could easily cause lasting damage and difficulty in the future relationship of Parliament and people. However much talk there might be of this unique situation he feared that the precedent would remain dangerous. *Many of them in so* many different ways had experience of special cases and unique situations. They had one thing in common; they did not remain special or unique for long.

In these circumstances the risk lay in what would happen if the result went against the Prime Minister and his Government's recommendation. In the White Paper they had made clear the considerable danger to the country and its people in the event of a vote for withdrawal. Such a position for the Prime Minister would be too degrading and humiliating to be tolerated. Mr Wilson had gambled *that this situation would not arise* because the country would vote in favour of staying in Europe.

As one who was proud to have been a member of a Cabinet which took Britain into Europe he (Mr Whitelaw) fervently hoped it would. The Prime Minister's gamble was reckless in the national interest and totally unjustified. (Conservative cheers.)

The long-term interests of the country (he said) must take precedence over any short-term party political or personal views. (Renewed Conservative cheers.) I have no doubt that judged on that basis I must exert any influence I may have to the maximum in favour of Britain staying in Europe.

He was one of those who had been committed to the importance of Britain taking her place in Europe from the time of the first negotiations. The arguments in favour today were different and even more compelling.

There were a large number of people who doubted the wisdom of the Community or even opposed it but who were now equally convinced it would be a grave mistake to withdraw.

Many of the original anxieties and fears expressed to him had been resolved by experience of the Community over the years. He was influenced rather more on balance by the political than the economic arguments.

Originally agricultural producers had expressed anxiety about membership, fearing loss of security and special assistance to the less favoured areas. In the event, farmers now on the whole advocated Britain staying in Europe. This view was overwhelmingly endorsed by the NUF council in the last fortnight.

At one time the bogy of rocketing food prices was a major argument of the opponents of entry. Although he feared it was still used unscrupulously by those who were so bigoted as to blame increases in world prices on the EEC or disregard increases in world prices altogether this argument had been dropped from respectable discussion. (Labour protests.) The White Paper laid this bogy once and for all.

Effective regional policy was of great importance to the remote and difficult employment areas. Here, too, originally there was anxiety lest Britain should have to abandon the principle of regional incentives to industry. The White Paper made clear that the evolution of Community thinking on regional policy removed those fears as their plans now were much in line with what was done in Britain.

British withdrawal at this time, as the White Paper made clear and many industrialists would confirm, would put many jobs at risk. At a time when employment was already threatened seriously by inflation such a deliberate act would be unwise.

He was not swayed by arguments about loss of sovereignty or independence. In the modern world no nation, certainly not the United Kingdom, could afford to go it alone. Whether Britain were in the EEC or not her present partners would take decisions which were bound to affect this country. In the *Community, Britain would be able* to influence those decisions. Outside she would have no say.

Less power

Therefore (he said) we should have less power over our own affairs by attempting to remain on our own in the modern world. (Conservative cheers.) Britain would not have the same influence in international affairs as a lone voice as she would have speaking with her partners in a strong Community.

Britain had a vital role to play in Europe. He did not underestimate the effect of the EEC in the pursuit of peace. Two world wars in a generation had their origins in a long standing antagonism between France and Germany. Today those two countries worked together as partners. By working with them Britain could do much to cement that relationship.

We in Britain today (he said) have inherited a great nation with power and importance far in excess of what would normally be enjoyed by a comparatively small island with few natural resources. This position was built up because our ancestors abandoned all party thoughts of isolationism and looked outward from these shores.

If we want, in turn, to provide the same opportunities for future generations we must follow that example. In the modern world the only effective way of doing so is through our active participation in the EEC.

Since we in this House are likely to be denied the normal opportunity to settle this issue, I hope that Conservative MPs will take the only course open to us: to unite with MPs on both sides of the House massively in favour of the White Paper and give a powerful lead to the nation in support of Britain staying in Europe. (Loud Conservative cheers.)

Parliamentary notices

House of Lords
Today at 2.30: Local Government (Scotland) Bill and Prices Bill, committee stage.

House of Commons
Today at 3.30: Debate on motion to approve EEC membership White Paper: continued.

Mr Thorpe wants to share power in order to get benefits of interdependence

MR THORPE, Leader of the Liberal Party (North Devon, L), said he had no great respect for those ministers who were dissenting. They were prepared to keep in a Cabinet on the basis of a myth that if the terms were right they would be happy to continue serving loyally the Prime Minister of the day. Everybody knew that they were going to oppose the terms whatever they were.

I accept (he said) that there is a large body of opinion in this country still undecided. That is not *surprising because the issues* are complicated and we are dealing, for the first time in history, with a situation in which the nations of the Continent have decided to unite politically and economically through peace.

He hoped that the test the British people would apply would be: what would Britain's influence in the world be inside and what would it be outside; what would be its ability to influence its own future inside or outside the Community; what would be the prospect for the economy inside and outside; and what would be the job prospects and living standards inside and outside the Community?

The answer in my view to all those questions (he said) is that not only is it vital for all those matters that we remain full members of the Community, but that those interests will be gravely undermined were we to withdraw.

The most extraordinary minister in the whole dispute about Britain's membership was Mrs Judith Hart, Minister for Overseas Development. She had negotiated the Lome Convention with 46 developing countries when she knew that if Britain *withdrew from the EEC* that all obligations were gravely imperilled. (Labour protests.) It was a balanced agreement between the EEC and the 46 developing countries.

Fifty per cent of Britain's exports went to western Europe. Non-EEC countries were finding that their trade was becoming enmeshed with Europe, whether they liked it or not. What anti-Marketeers wished to do was to gamble away the certainty of the market of 250 million for the possibility of getting benefits from the EEC which they wanted Britain to leave.

We are cooperating with eight democracies in Europe (he said) and it is significant that the original Six do not wish to leave. Denmark will stay.

What sort of sovereignty were *the anti-Marketeers prepared to* surrender? Any at all? Was it wrong to surrender it to the IMF or to the OECD or to Efta and the United Nations?

The best case for joining was made in 1947 in a pamphlet written by Mr Foot, the late Mr Crossman, and Mr Shore. That was the motley group he was leading.

Exclusion from Europe would be bleak, and it would replace the high tariff wall on continental Europe. There would be less trade and less investment, and a threat to political stability here and in Europe.

I want a united Europe (he said) which is outward looking and with liberal trade policies. I want to share power in order to get the benefits of interdependence. I want direct elections to European Parliament by 1978, and to see political parties in this country cooperate with their sister parties in Europe, and fight on a common platform.

Throughout the referendum campaign he hoped to have on Liberal platforms many leading Europeans. Europe disunited had plunged the world into war twice this century. This country had been in retreat since the last war—a retreat from *its* overseas possessions and commitments, and many of its responsibilities abroad.

There were some who wished that retreat to go still further and to turn this island into one with a siege economy. The time had come to end the retreat. It was time to advance in Europe.

Britain being forced to impose taxes on food

MR JAY (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab) said renegotiation had changed almost nothing. In his heart, every MP knew it. Renegotiation had in no way altered the constitutional position of the Treaty of Rome or the system of authoritarian legislation from Brussels.

There was no alteration in the Treaty of Accession, a treaty which forced on this country a series of taxes on most foodstuffs and laid down increases in the price of those foodstuffs which Britain had to accept over a four-year period. There was no mention of this in the White Paper.

There had been no fundamental renegotiation of the CAP. Even New Zealand, where the Prime Minister always claimed there had to be a major improvement, there was, at best, virtually no change and, at worst, an actual worsening of the situation from the United Kingdom point of view.

After the well meaning effort in renegotiation they were still left with an authoritarian system of legislation and taxation, and a Government which was sapping away not just the sovereignty of Britain but the democratic control of its people over the laws and powers of the Government.

In 1974, 3,935 legislative Acts were adopted by the EEC which claimed legal force in this country. More than 3,000 were adopted by the unelected commission and not by the Council. Some 2,950 of them were Commission regulations which was, in effect, legislation in secret by officials and automatically binding on British courts.

Virtually every food *cannot could be obtained more cheaply* outside if Britian were not a member. If that were not so why all the import levies, the import ban and the intervention buying?

Their main food prices had to be artificially raised year by year still further above the present level. They had to have a £300 a ton tax on butter to raise the price to £600 a ton or more and by 1978, by treaty, the price had to be artificially raised to £1,000 a ton.

There had been an almost total ban on beef imports and the world price was 30 per cent below the EEC price, and the beef mountain had risen to 300,000 tons. It was being sold at a huge discount to the Soviet Union and other countries lucky enough to be outside the Common Market.

He found the most remarkable feature of the renegotiation story the fact that there had been no fundamental renegotiation of the CAP. The *Commission* paper *Stocktaking of the CAP* remained a piece of paper and had not even been discussed, let alone approved, at the Dublin summit.

It was pure nonsense to say that cheaper food was not available outside the EEC and that membership had not raised Britain's food prices. Between 1971 and 1974 food prices had risen 20 per cent in Norway and Sweden and 40 per cent in Britain and Ireland.

It was undeniable that Britain was in the long run be better off without the precious freedom to import than without it. It raised not merely living costs, but the labour costs of producing exports and therefore damaged Britain's competitive position all over the world.

That was why they would urge Europe to be better in a genuine industrial free trade area. That was also why Britain had incurred such a staggering non-oil trade deficit with the EEC in the last three years.

By the end of the year all Efta and EEC countries would be approaching complete industrial free trade, with a few exceptions. If Britain were to withdraw from the EEC and proposed to continue this all-round European *industrial free* trade they would not be established getting a new agreement but accepting the status quo and anyone who proposed to disrupt it would have to propose raising a tariff barrier against the United Kingdom.

No Efta country is likely to do that and it would clearly be absurd for EEC countries to do so since they were selling far more in British markets than Britain was in theirs.

US would see low referendum vote as sign of deep European division

MR AMERY (Brighton, Pavilion, C) said to him joining the EEC was no an end in itself but it was the one way of maintaining and revising Britain's links with the Commonwealth. Membership of the EEC was not just a condition of the country's economic growth, it was a condition of putting any reality into the concept of the Commonwealth.

The EEC might need stronger institutions than the Commonwealth. Looking at what had happened over 17 years, the EEC had developed surprisingly on Commonwealth lines. The EEC was 17 years old already and it already showed signs of following on Commonwealth rather than federal lines.

The best chance of keeping the Americans in Europe was for the Europeans to prove that they had not only the will but could develop the economic means of making a major contribution to their own defence. That meant Britain remaining in the Community.

A low vote in the referendum or in the Commons debate this week would have catastrophic consequences in America. They would see it as a sign of deep European division and would begin to equate Europe with Vietnam and Cambodia. It could have catastrophic consequences in Europe leading to Franco-German rivalries which Britain's presence helped to avoid.

MR MACKITOSH (Berwick and East Lothian, Lab) said the Australians, New Zealanders, Canadians, and Americans wanted Britain to remain in the Community rather than to try to revamp a previous situation which existed before 1973.

There was an extra reason why other countries wanted Britain to remain in the community. They realized that the EEC was a force for stability in world relations at the moment and that the stronger the Community the better for world peace.

This was an important point at a time when the United States was in a position of debt and hesitation about its policies and when the whole détente policy in Europe was in question. The nine nations standing together in Europe with common interest were a great factor which ought not lightly to be disturbed and broken up.

MR DONALDSTEWART (Western Isles, Scot Nat) said fisheries had not been negotiated. This was a matter of vital interest to Scotland as half the fish landed in Britain was at Scottish ports. The fisheries policy should be renegotiated.

MR KNOX (Lew, C) said renegotiations from beginning to end were a sham, concerned more with the internal affairs of the Labour Party than with the interests of Britain or the EEC.

Firms had geared themselves to a substantial increase in sales to Europe, an increase which might not be possible if Britain withdrew. It seemed inevitable that unemployment would rise further, investment, already deplorably low, would fall further, and Britain's immediate economic prospects would be black.

CAP iniquities

MR ROY HUGHES (Newport, Lab) said at the end of the renegotiations the iniquities of the common agricultural policy remained. It was a system which based the price of food on what it cost to produce it in the most inefficient farm in Europe.

How could the mountains of butter and beef, and the lakes of wine be justified? What about the denaturing of essential foodstuffs to make them unfit for human consumption and fit only for animals? That was what the common agricultural policy was all about.

The people of Britain were being brainwashed by the media that there was no future for the country outside Europe. The people of Norway were told the same, but since taking their referendum decision they had not looked back and their economy was booming in a way it had never done before.

Britain had more coal and oil than the rest of the EEC and there *was no guarantee in the White* Paper that Britain would be allowed to sell it at different prices to the various countries of the EEC.

We will (he said) no longer be free agents in respect of this newfound wealth in the North Sea.

For every ton of steel being exported to Europe, Britain was importing no less than 17 tons. There was an outflow of investment from Britain at something like crisis proportions and little was coming back.

The answer was to withdraw from the EEC. It would be a victory for Britain and not a victory for Moscow.

It was sheer hypocrisy for those in authority to pretend that the referendum was being conducted in a fair manner. There were no plans to restrict expenditure, which gave a tremendous advantage to the pro-Marketeers.

He understood there had been a written reply from the Prime Minister to the effect that dissenting ministers could not participate in the parliamentary proceedings.

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab) said that this would also prevent Mr Shore and others like him from answering questions on matters such as the adverse trade figures with the EEC. That was a disgrace. It would do a great service to the House and the anti-Marketeers' cause if ministers could make speeches and answer questions on the matter.

MR HUGHES—This is an outstanding example of hypocrisy. The ministers most intimately connected with this matter—those for trade and for industry—are dissenting members of the Cabinet.

The people in spite of the brainwashing to which they had been subjected, had no enthusiasm for the venture. The Prime Minister would win the vote on Wednesday night but the opponents in the EEC would win the vote in the country, despite fighting with their hands behind their backs.

MR EDWARD TAYLOR (Glasgow, Cathcart, C) said there had been a dramatic change in the passage of time because the bright promise at the time of entry had not been fulfilled.

It would be bad for Britain and, more important, bad for the EEC if Britain stayed in. Britain would be a festering sore within the Community, making it more difficult for them to go ahead with their own development and to progress as they would wish. The basic reason was that Britain's long-term interests did not coincide with those of the nations of Europe.

The EEC would add to the basic cost of living in Britain. It was also vital for Britain to take steps to preserve freedom so that her exploitation of oil would be a success. Unless she could have a *minimum price for oil agreed with* other nations she might face a situation in which collapse of oil prices in the Middle East would make her oil virtually valueless. She could not do this unilaterally as an EEC member. Britain must also preserve maximum freedom of action in regional policies.

MR LOMAS (Huddersfield, West, Lab) said in the years lying ahead Britain inside the Community would be able to press for the fulfilment of her aims and desires. His one regret was that Labour had not been represented at the European Assembly to influence the course of decisions.

Withdrawing from the EEC would mean higher unemployment, an increasing rate of inflation, and loss of financial confidence. In the long term it would mean that Britain would become a declining influence in the world.

His objective in life was the maintenance of peace. Britain in Europe, having lost an empire and its imperial power, could become a force for prosperity, stability and peace.

MR SPEARING (Newham, South, Lab) said that judging from present trends the European Community would develop into another world block. The interests of world peace were not necessarily helped by a movement into self-contained economic blocks.

Through its unique method of government and unique relationship with Europe and many parts of the world through language and history Britain could play a *unique* part in bridge building between people of different tradition, language and history. Within the Community, where its own distinct contribution must be subsumed to a larger unit, a great deal of that would go.

If (he said) we go into the Community, which is largely a European club of relatively privileged nations who want to maintain their own position, we will not be able to tread the world stage in the same degree of freedom that we would outside. The future peace of the world is better with a Britain that can pursue an independent foreign policy and pursue its trading relationships without let or hindrance.

MRS RENEE SHORT (Wolverhampton, North-East, Lab) said renegotiations had been utterly unsatisfactory with regards to the entry of goods from Commonwealth countries which used to be imported free of duty but were now subject to the common external tariff. Goods from the EEC, which used to be charged duty, were now free of it. The common agricultural policy discriminated against Britain's traditional suppliers of food.

The export of capital to provide more jobs in EEC countries was a matter of great concern to those MPs who represented industrial areas. As long as Britain remained in the EEC there would be that outflow of capital and the effect would be more unemployment and redundancies in Britain.

The CBI were happy for Britain to remain in the EEC because they were happy with the growth of large multinational companies.

MR BELL (Beaconsfield, C) said economic and monetary union meant the end of separate nationality. The Prime Minister knew that the British people did not want political union. They wanted Britain to continue. So did most MPs. The Commissioners knew that the whole set-up of the Rome Treaty was meaningless without in the end economic and monetary union.

Trade balance

MR HATTERSLEY, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab), said there had been a general agreement during the past year that things had improved for Britain within the EEC.

The British trade balance had shown a general deterioration over the past three years, not simply with the EEC. Between 1971 and 1973, the non-oil trade gap with the EEC increased five-fold. But the gap between Britain and the Commonwealth increased 13-fold and the gap with the United States was 17 times greater in 1973 than in 1971.

Between 1972 and 1974 the EEC share of the total deficit had rapidly declined. Were Britain not in the Community, the total balance of payments deficit would certainly be greater this year. (Cheers.)

Cheap food in the traditional sense was no longer available to the British consumer, because of high wages and improved living standards of the developing world and the economic and political independence of Commonwealth countries, which were once colonies.

Some commodities within the EEC were more expensive than if Britain were able to buy them from outside. But on balance, the conclusion must be that not only was security and stability of supplies obtained by EEC membership, but over the past year Britain had not paid any more for food than had she not joined the Community.

The assertion that the sovereign rights of Britain would be diminished by membership of the EEC was grotesquely overrated. An example was in public ownership, a central aspect of the Government's industrial and economic policy. Article 222 of the Treaty of Rome—much abused but rarely read—made it clear that there was no prohibition of public ownership within the EEC.

Another area where it was said that EEC membership would inhibit the Government's ability to carry out policies was in regional aid. Article 92 of the Treaty of Rome called for the coordination of regional aids within the EEC and Article 93 made the Commission the instrument of that coordination, but in reality there was nothing in either of those articles which was either dangerous or sinister.

What was meant by sovereignty ought to be defined. It was not the freedom and right to have the lowest growth rate in Western Europe and the freedom to have all sorts of good ideas which the country was too poor to put into operation.

The sovereignty I want to see (he said) is not only the good *intentions of the Government* to improve pensions, and clear slums, but the economic ability of the country and Government to carry out those policies.

That economic ability was more likely to be found in Europe than outside it.

The debate was adjourned.

The Reservoirs Bill passed the remaining stages.

House adjourned, 11.6 pm.

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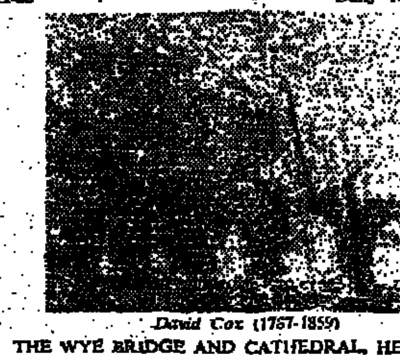
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THE ARTS



Supper at Emmaus
National Gallery

Paul Overy

The story of the Supper at Emmaus is one of the most haunting and beautiful in the Bible. The sudden revelation of identity, the psychological moment of truth: it was these qualities, which could be turned into such superb visual theatre, that captured the imagination of the painters of the Renaissance. The frozen moment of high drama, where emotion, tension and release are all concentrated into the instant of realization, is nowhere caught with greater bravura and mastery of the two-dimensional stage than in Caravaggio's *Supper at Emmaus* in the National Gallery. This is now the centrepiece of the third in the series of "Painting in Focus" exhibitions in the Board Room.

The presentation is effectively and appropriately theatrical. The painting is placed behind a black proscenium. The general level of lighting in the room is low and the picture is lit by hidden spotlights which emphasize its stageyness and dramatic chiaroscuro. It also stresses the wedge-like arrangement of the figure which follows the shape of the table seen foreshortened in perspective. The widespread arms of St Peter follow the line of the receding right-hand edge of the table. And Christ's hand outstretched in the act of blessing the bread and the tensed forward-straining figure of Cleophas form a visual counterpart on the left. The innkeeper waits at the side of Christ, behind the table.

The viewer feels himself to be such another waiting figure on the near side of the table: like the innkeeper, a silent observer of the dramatic moment of blessing and recognition. And because the presence of the innkeeper on the left of the painting weights it so much to that side, it is very difficult to look at the painting from an absolutely central position. One keeps on wanting to place oneself to the right, making one's own body, as it were, "balance out" the composition. It is this remarkable achievement of drawing the spectator into the action of the painting which constitutes one of the main factors of its astonishing success.

The major weakness of the picture is the epicene figure of Christ, far too worldly and sensual a figure for this still and spiritual moment. Homan Potterton, who arranged the exhibition and wrote the informative leaflet which accompanies it, describes Caravaggio's earlier works as "hedonistic paintings of youths proffering themselves, together with the over-ripe fruit which they carry, blatantly and unashamedly to the spectator". The Christ in the *Supper at Emmaus* resembles one of these youths, somewhat gone to seed.

Bernard Berenson, in his late and crotchety, although often perceptive book on Caravaggio, called this figure of Christ "A boy-preacher, startling yokels out of their wits". That catches one aspect of the scene, certainly. But perhaps more accurate is Berenson's general reference in his introduction, where he must surely have been thinking of this painting, to "Vulgar obese giants blasphemously posing as Christ . . .". Yet for all this—that both Christ and the disciples are ludicrously "Out of character", that one of the great spiritual moments of Christianity is represented as a low-life genre scene—the painting works magnificently.

It was painted about 1602 or, some believe, in the last years of the sixteenth century. A few years later Caravaggio painted another version of the *Supper at Emmaus*, now in the Brera, in Milan. The figure of Christ, dignified and serene, is much more acceptable to the conventional notion of how Christ should look. It is a painting of greater religious feeling; but it does not have the London version's dramatic force.

Caravaggio appears also to have painted a *Walk to Emmaus* which now exists only in a copy at Hampton Court. Here he chose the moment where, having met the two disciples on the road and still unrecognized, Christ expounds to them "in all the scriptures the things concerning himself". In the Middle Ages the story of the whole episode was often recounted in several compartments, like a comic strip, as in the St Alban's Psalter which shows the meeting on the road, the meal in the inn and Christ disappearing. ("And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.") Duccio and Fra Angelico showed the moment where the disciples invite Christ to join them at the inn. It was only at the end of the fifteenth century that the supper became the most frequent episode represented in painting.

Caravaggio's National Gallery picture was preceded and influenced by among others, a painting of the subject by Titian and two by Veronese. But although their versions may be less faulted than Caravaggio's, it is this that has pressed itself on the popular imagination.

It is that conjunction of the ordinary and the extraordinary that constitutes its success: the very wilfulness of Caravaggio's vision, forcing the story into the mould of his own experience and approximating it to that of the average man; this and its astounding technical *tour-de-force*. Although it could hardly be called a great religious picture, it is nevertheless a great picture with a religious subject. Its greatness lies in a powerful projection of intensity—not religious intensity, but the intensity of the confrontation of the known with the unknown which was the great intellectual and spiritual adventure of the late Renaissance.

Michael Nesmith
Victoria Palace

Philip Norman

It must be stated, and then instantly forgotten, that Michael Nesmith was once a guitarist in The Monkees. Does anyone remember that ersatz quartet, formed in America to recoup some of the dollars carried off by The Beatles? Nesmith survived the experience to form The First National Band, which made some of the earliest experiments in the country-rock movement. By his album "Nevada Fighter", we should regard his Monkee self as well and truly exorcised.

Nesmith has discarded the First National Band, and chooses to appear completely unaided. On Sunday, indeed, he seemed in two minds as to whether to do his concert at all: a tall, short-bearded man bowing a little and smiling with the diffidence of an amateur conjurer, to whom even the tuning of his guitar, which could easily have been accomplished off stage, appeared to present insurmountable perplexities. One does not warm to anyone who so assiduously plays the buffoon.

The voice cuts through the clowning. The voice is terse and unaffected, yet so clear that it needs no band, and scarcely needs the tinkling of his solitary guitar. The songs, such as "Grand Ennui" or "Harmony Constant", have such uniform delicacy and drive that it is difficult to believe Nesmith himself should lack confidence in them. Yet that was what I deduced from his increasingly verbose asides. From a less agreeable person it might have been worse. But I wish I had not heard him say "discriminative".

Curiously enough, it was a newer, younger band which more strongly suggested an earlier musical epoch. Bryn Haworth's band played with an insouciant ineptitude, almost as if the last decade, with its advances and its mistakes, had never existed. The tedium was not quite mesmeric: I spent a pleasant half-hour not listening to them in the bar where I noted that albums by Max Bygraves were offered for sale.

Balint Vazsonyi
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell

Although not everything came off quite as he might have wished, Bálint Vázsonyi brought great strength, zest and character to his programme of Beethoven and Schumann in the Sunday afternoon piano series.

Beethoven himself might have played his G major (Op 14) and D minor (Op 31) sonatas much as Mr Vázsonyi did, which is to say with robust tone, unabating drive, some wrong notes, and absolutely no airs and graces. The first movement of the D minor sonata responded particularly well to the vehement approach; the mystery of the slow, arpeggiated chords and the expressiveness of the recitative were all the more telling in contrast. Mr Vázsonyi was right inside the Adagio instead of classically poised and detached. The finale was impressive for its cumulative excitement, although the *ritenuto* at the end seemed alien to the conception.

It was a refreshing change to hear the G major sonata done with such vigorous directness, instead of as if in kid gloves. The minor episode in the middle of the first movement really evoked the composer in high dudgeon. The droll humour of the Andante was equally highly spiced.

Whether Schumann's *Carnaval* needed such full-blooded tone and vigorous drama is a moot point. True, there were some affecting points of repose, including an intimate and tender "Eusebius" and "Aveu". But "Pantalon et Columbine" sounded like a violent lovers' quarrel. In "Paganini", as well as the opening "Preambule" and closing "Marche", surely most of us would willingly have forgone a little of Mr Vázsonyi's *brio* for greater tonal refinement, accuracy and general pianistic finesse.

His greatest service to Schumann came in the Arabeske. Purposeful phrasing of the recurrent main theme and his sense of wonder in the ruminative, Clara-inspired interpolations revealed the piece as anything but the insipid watercolour some players would have us think.

NPO/Burgos
Festival Hall

Stephen Walsh

Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos took his courage in both hands with Sunday's performance of Haydn's *Creation*, giving the two-hour score not only in a single unbroken span, but with the original German text. Nobody is likely to mourn the egregious Baron van Swieten's so-called English. But I found the lack of any interval puzzling, since the *Creation* hardly forms a grand continuum in the manner of the *Missa Solemnis*. It says a good deal for Frühbeck's personable and spirited approach to the music that, in the event, there was no sense of *longueur* and few lapses from the high technical standard of the performance at its best.

That standard was set above all by the New Philharmonia Chorus, back in its best form, responding confidently and decisively to Frühbeck's direction, and generally keeping the work's Handelian traditions very much in the front of one's attention. It was good to hear the balletic rhythms of Haydn's quicker choruses so vitally articulated and their symphonic textures so imposingly built up.

The solo singing, by and large, was less comfortable. Norma Burrows, Robert Tear and John Shirley-Quirk made rather a lightweight trio, a point to which Frühbeck was not always ideally attentive in balancing his accompaniment. And although the orchestral playing was more precise than the NPO has been offering in some recent concerts, it was tonally a little coarse-grained, not always the perfect mirror of Haydn's Arcadian landscape.

Frühbeck's own view of that landscape was nevertheless eminently attractive: a world of burgeoning life and movement rather than inert sentimentality. Furthermore, the music responded perceptibly to the German text, which is not, I daresay, great poetry but at least conveys more sense than the idiot malapropisms which habit has cemented to this most beautiful score.

Edinburgh chorus in Paris concert

Edinburgh Festival Chorus will appear in the Place de la Concorde on June 21 singing in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Orchestre de Paris conducted by Daniel Barenboim.

This open-air concert, which has been specially arranged by the French President as part of his policy of reaching the people through music, could have an audience of 200,000 people.

This will be the Edinburgh Festival Chorus's second appearance in Paris. In February last year the chorus, on that occasion also conducted by Daniel Barenboim, gave four performances of the Fauré Requiem.

Brian Cooper
Mermaid

Miles Kington

The original Jazz Centre Society was brought together merely by shock at the closing of Ronnie Scott's Old Place and it was clear to me at the time that such an idealistic rag-bag organization could never survive. But cynics cannot always be right; today the JCS has become a highly professional yet still keen body of which membership is no longer a luxury but a necessity. They present jazz most week nights in London, they put on enterprising concerts (last week's Saxophone Summit at the QEH was one) and they also find time to support little-known talents such as Brian Cooper.

Since 1963 Cooper has led a big band as a vehicle for his own writing, and he certainly can write. Not in the fashionable skeletal jazz style that leaves the soloist all the work but as a craftsman, filling every nook and cranny with stylish, well-tailored flourishes, deft to the point of originality. He reminds me most of Dankworth, the same ability to create fresh effects of tone colour and find new sounds in a limited line-up.

Talented arranger he may be, composer he is not—we did not hear a memorable theme all evening, and here, I feel, he may be too uncompromising in insisting on writing only for his own jazz group, star-studded although it was on Sunday. To be a pure jazz composer you have to be not only part genius but also a part maniac and a part born loser.

What Cooper needs is to be shanghaied against his will into a lucrative job as staff arranger, where he could shine in a dull field, bringing skill to it and picking up more. Later, when he has made his pile and lost his soul, he could safely become a jazz composer. If he still wanted to.

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SPORT

Football

England pick the right (and left) men for the night of April 16

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

Don Revie's England pool of 21 players from whom will emerge the side to play Cyprus at Wembley tomorrow week in the European championship is as largely predicted, with the addition of Madeley and Beattie the notable points. Hughes, too—captain of the side before Ball—is back in the fold (as indeed Mr Revie promised he would be), although one cannot see him regaining his former place as a left back.

When England beat West Germany 2—0 at Wembley last month Madeley and Beattie would have been the full backs but for FA Cup commitments with their clubs. In the event Whitworth and Gillard won their first caps as understudies, Whitworth for one making a creditable bow on the international scene. But provided Madeley and Beattie emerge from their various important commitments of the next few days, they are surely the pair designed to flank the central defence of Watson and Todd.

The moving of Beattie to left back for his first England cap has been in Mr Revie's plans since assuming the national managerial chair and it is an experiment that can hardly fail to succeed. He is a natural player, strong, intelligent and brave, with years before him. As Bobby Robson, his Ipswich Town manager, has said of him: "I would choose him first of all and pick the other 10 round him."

Hudson, Ball and Bell operated in the midfield against the Germans and one will assume they are given the task again. The one complication here is that Hudson, who brilliantly dominated and tantalized the world champions last month—a creative player England have been searching for—may now not be available. Should he lose an appeal today against a recent caution, he will face a two-match suspension which would automatically put him out of court. That would be a great loss and should that misfortune happen then Francis will probably regain the place he held earlier against Czechoslovakia and Portugal.

Mr Revie, commenting on the captaincy and on the Hudson appeal, said: "I've had no real thoughts yet on the captaincy, but if it's assumed that Alan Ball will be captain on the night then that will be about right. Alan Hudson faces the commission and David Johnson and Kevin Beattie have to come through Wednesday's semi-final replay and Saturday's league match without further injury, otherwise the squad will be hit. But I'm beginning to see daylight. I've got a blend of experienced players and youthful ones. I didn't consider experimenting. I've picked a squad for the night."

Cyprus should be no match at Wembley. But with goal difference operating in each European group, as a decider if need be, England's object now must be to hit the Cypriots for six or more—without let or mercy. With three awkward away matches to be faced in Czechoslovakia, Portugal and Cyprus (where the pitch at Limassol is said still to be unattended and in an appalling condition) England need every goal they can muster to help qualify for the quarter-final round of this competition.

Who best, then, to pepper the target? Channon, Macdonald and Keegan ran at the Germans recently, with the Newcastle man at last getting his first England goal and looking aggressive. He might well have the right appetite against inferior opposition. Yet the lively Johnson (if fit) should soon be given a chance to lead the attack, with Tueart also offered a run to show his ability as a goal-scoring left winger. Keegan, however, has been among the goals for Liverpool. There is Thomas also to consider. That is what England need—wing play to broaden their attack.

Yet it is sad to note the absence of midfield men like Dobson, of Everton, and Brooking, of West Ham United. Both possess class, style and flair and deserve at least to be members of an England platoon for future eventualities.

England's pool:

GOALKEEPERS. R. Clemence (Liverpool) (8 caps), P. Shilton (Stoke City) (20).

DEFENDERS: P. Madeley (Leeds United) (18 caps), S. Whitworth (Leicester City) (1), R. Kenyon (Everton) (0), D. Watson (Sunderland) (9), E. Hughes (Liverpool) (38), C. Todd (Derby County) (11), K. Beattie (Ipswich Town) (0), I. Gillard (Queen's Park Rangers) (1).

MIDFIELD: G. Francis (Queen's Park Rangers) (2 caps), C. Bell (Manchester City) (42), A. Hudson (Stoke City) (1), A. Ball (Arsenal) (67), A. Towers (Sunderland) (0).

STRIKERS: D. Johnson (Ipswich Town (0 caps), M. Channon (Southampton) (22), M. Macdonald (Newcastle United) (8), D. Thomas (Queen's Park Rangers) (2), K. Keegan (Liverpool) (10), D. Tueart (Manchester City) (0).

Ipswich may have to leave out Hunter and Johnson

Ipswich Town are fighting an uphill struggle to get their centre half Allan Hunter, fit for the FA Cup semi-final round replay tomorrow against West Ham United at Stamford Bridge. Hunter, who missed most of the second half of Saturday's game at Villa Park after having a bruised right thigh heavily strapped, was still limping badly yesterday and the manager, Bobby Robson, confessed after training: "I have no alternative but to wait."

It looks as if Mr Robson will be unable to recall the striker, Johnson, who missed the first match. He is still having problems with the hamstring he tore in the third quarter-final replay with Leeds United and Woods is expected to continue as deputy.

With Hunter rated as doubtful, Mr Robson has called the 17-year-old John Wark into the party. There was better news for Ipswich over defenders, Burley and Beattie. Both look like being fit, with Burley recovering from an ankle strain and Beattie from the bruised shin which took him off at Villa Park for seven minutes.

West Ham have Robson battling to overcome the groin injury that has kept him out of the last five games. The manager, John Lyall, said: "Robson had two treatment sessions today and it is touch and go whether he will be available." The rest of his first team party are fit for the return.

The Fulham midfield man, Conway, another groin injury victim, has only "a 50-50 chance" of facing Birmingham City in their replay at Maine Road, tomorrow, according to the manager, Alec Stock. "We will have to see how he is tomorrow. With the striker Mitchell, certain to play—"he took a knock but it is just sore", Mr Stock's only change could be the return of Dowie, a young Scot. The match will be Fulham's sixth replay in the Cup this season.

Freddie Goodwin, the Birmingham manager, said he hoped to be picking from a full strength party. "I am not naming the side until just before the game when we have had a chance to look at the pitch. No one is ruled out of Wednesday's game, it's a different situation from Saturday."

Gray and Norman Hunter injured in Leeds United's league match against Liverpool on Saturday are expected to be fit for the first leg of the European Cup semi-final against Barcelona at Elland Road tomorrow. Gray had a shoulder injury and Hunter a bruised toe. They trained yesterday with Reaney, Giles and Clarke who have had leg injuries and did not play in Saturday's game. Jim Armfield, the Leeds manager, is expected to choose a full strength party today after further training.

Derek Dougan's appearance against Manchester City at Molyneux on March 29 was his last. In eight years with Wolves he scored 93 goals in 243 games.

West Bromwich Albion dismiss Howe

Don Howe has been dismissed as manager of the second division club, West Bromwich Albion. The decision was taken at a board meeting and announced by the secretary, Alan Everiss.

A board statement said: "Mr Howe's four-year contract with the club was due to expire on June 30. The directors have informed him the contract will not be renewed. Albion, who have a league match against Bolton, tomorrow night, will hand over team selection to the coaching staff and a vacancy will be advertised in due course."

Albion have won their last two games but were already out of the promotion race. During both these games a section of the crowd chanted: "Howe must go." The decision comes less than a week after Mr Howe had finally admitted Albion would not be promoted this season.

Gates have dwindled at the Hawthorns as Albion fell away in their attempt to return to the first division after being well placed midway through the season.

Ireland should know by the end of the week whether their attempts to persuade England and Wales to play in Belfast next month have been successful. Welsh Football Association officials meet today to discuss the position.

Yesterday's results

Third division

Tranmere (0) 0 (1,818) — Charlton (1) 1 Hales
Wrexham (0) 1 Whittle (2,669) — Bournemouth (1) 1 Buttle

Fourth division

Brentford (1) 3 Ruddick, French (2) — Stockport (0) 0 (4,300)
Hartlepool (0) 1 Ward (1,635) — Cambridge (1) 1 Shinton

Scottish second division

Montrose (0) 2 Livingstone (2) — Hamilton (1) 1 Frew

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 2 Kettering 1; Grantham 2 Wimbledon 0; Tonbridge 2 Bath 0. First division (North): Bedford 3 King's Lynn 1; Merthyr Tydfil 3 Enderby 1; Redditch 2 Wellingborough 0; Stevenage 3 Worcester 2; Tamworth 0 AP Leamington 1. South: Poole 1 Folkestone and Shepway 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Barrow 0 Skelmersdale 1; Altrincham 0 Great Harwood 0; Gateshead 2 Lancaster 0; Runcorn 1 Scarborough 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Tooting and Mitcham 3 Hayes 1. Slough Town 2 Walton and Hersham 3; Subsidiary Cup: Hertford v Aveley (postponed).

KINSHASA: Olympic qualifying round (first leg): Zaire 2 Upper Volta 1.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS FESTIVAL: Nottinghamshire 2 Somerset A 4; Staffordshire A 1 Durham 3; Humberside 5 Cambridgeshire 1; Lancashire 1 Essex A 2; Yorkshire A 0 Hampshire 0; Cheshire A 2 Surrey A 0; Warwickshire A 1 Middlesex A 3; Merseyside A 1 Lancashire ...; Buckinghamshire 5 Suffolk 1; Hertfordshire B 2 Greater Manchester B 3; Devon B 2 Kent B 0; Shropshire B 2 Middlesex C 3; Sussex 2 Northumberland 1; Lincolnshire 3 Hereford and Worcestershire 3; Public Schools 2 Hertfordshire A 2; Norfolk 0 Greater Manchester A 0; Shropshire A 1 Leicestershire 1; Devon A 4 Oxfordshire 0; Berkshire 3 Kent A 1; Bedfordshire 1 Staffordshire B 1; Essex B 1 Yorkshire B 3; Merseyside B 1 Somerset B 3; Surrey B 3 Cheshire B 0; Lanarkshire B 1 Middlesex 2.

RUGBY UNION: Under-23 match: South and South-west 6 Midlands 18.

Today's fixtures

First division
Arsenal v Coventry (7.30)

Second division
W Bromwich v Bolton (7.30)
Sheffield W v Norwich (7.30)

Third division
Grimsby v Crystal Palace (7.30)
Halifax v Aldershot (7.30)
Huddersfield v Plymouth (7.30)

Fourth division
Shrewsbury v Rotherham (7.30)
Southport v Scunthorpe (7.30)

Scottish first division
Albion v Cowdenbeath (7.30)

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Margate v Atherstone (7.30); Romford v Stourbridge (7.30). First division (North): Witney Town v Barry (7.30). South: Canterbury v Trowbridge (7.30); Gravesend v Waterlooville (7.30); Hastings v Andover (7.30).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Buxton v Boston United (7.30); Goole v Netherfield (7.30); Morecambe v Matlock (7.30); Stafford Rangers v Gainsborough (7.30).

ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Dulwich Hamlet v Woking (7.30); Enfield v Wycombe Wanderers (7.30); Ilford v Bromley (7.30); Hitchin Town v Oxford City (7.30); Leatherhead v Hendon (7.30); Leytonstone v Kingstonian (7.30); Slough Town v Walton and Hersham (7.30); Sutton United v Barking (7.30); Walthamstow Avenue v Dagenham (7.30). Subsidiary Cup: Chesham United v Southall (7.30); Corinthian-Casuals v Boreham Wood (7.30); Harwich and Parkeston v Harlow Town (7.30); Maidenhead United v Wokingham Town (7.30); St Albans City v Finchley (7.30).

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Edmonton-Haringey v Ruislip Manor (7.30); Grays Athletic v Hornchurch (7.30); Wembley v Cheshunt (7.30). Second division: Egham v Willesden (7.30); Harrow Borough v Epping Town (7.30); Wingate v Uxbridge (7.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Salford v Leeds (7.30).

Racing

Broadway Melody's Ascot overture

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Allez France, that wonder of wonders belonging to Daniel Wildenstein is to begin her fourth season by trying to win the Prix d'Harcourt at Longchamp on Sunday. And it will be a great surprise if she fails. It is thought that she has lost none of her zest and enthusiasm for the game.

Allez France won the same race a year ago, a race that was to be the springboard to a phenomenal season that culminated with a brilliant victory in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on October 6. Success with his great filly on that day was her owner's oft-stated ambition. Afterwards, his hopes realized, Mr Wildenstein told me that he intended keeping Allez France in training as a five-year-old simply because an owner is seldom lucky enough ever to own a racehorse as good as she, and as long as she still showed him that her enthusiasm matched her brilliance, then there was all to gain.

I dare say that Mr Wildenstein had noticed how many good American racehorses had been bred in recent years from mares who had been campaigned hard and long instead of being wrapped up in cotton wool. In Europe there was a time when the wise man insisted that it was foolish to subject a filly to too much racing lest it should affect her life at stud.

Of course it is necessary to play things by ear and judge the individual itself, but the performances of the offspring of a number of good American race mares have certainly made one sit up and think again in recent years. Anyway, theory or no theory, Allez France is still with us, gracing the racing scene.

After Sunday she will try to win the Prix Ganay again and her owner is intent on trying to win the Arc again with her. If she were to do that she would emulate Ribot. Time alone will tell whether or not Mr Wildenstein will relent and send Allez France to England again. You may recall that he intended running her in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket in the autumn until the filly thwarted his plan by slipping off the loading ramp into the aeroplane that flew her to England, an accident that caused only a slight injury, but one that was enough to cause the withdrawal of one so precious.

Mr Wildenstein has never had a winner in England trained by one of his men in France, in spite of numerous attempts. I am inclined to doubt whether he will chance his arm again with Allez France until what he genuinely believes as his hoodoo is broken. Those who genuinely love the sight of a really high-class racehorse in action can only hope that his luck will change before long, preferably before the end of July, and that he will take up the challenge with Allez France and try to win the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes this year. With the Arc already under her belt, victory at Ascot would place Allez France on a summit which only very few have achieved.



Allez France: trying to match Ribot's achievement of winning two Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

The sort of filly to change the Wildenstein's luck in England is the talented three-year-old, Broadway Dancer, the easy winner of the Prix Morny at Deauville last August. Broadway Dancer is by Northern Dancer—Nijinsky's sire—and out of Broadway Melody, a tough mare whose pedigree and racing performances are probably better known and more easily recalled in this country than in either France or the United States where Northern Dancer stands.

Broadway Melody is by Tudor Melody, one of the stallions standing on our national stud and out of a mare by Court Martial. Trained by Staff Ingham, Broadway Melody won three races as a two-year-old and the 1,000 Guineas Trial at Kempton Park the following year. Yesterday Alec Wildenstein, who manages his father's racing interests so efficiently, told me that Broadway Dancer will run in the Prix de la Grotte at Longchamp next Sunday, provided that the ground there improves. On Sunday it was very heavy.

Alec Wildenstein went on to say that they will then decide whether to opt for the French or the English 1,000 Guineas and that the decision is much more dependent on the going than on the races themselves. So the person who backed Broadway Dancer to win our Guineas with Hills last week must now pray that the ground at Newmarket remains better during the weeks ahead than it evidently is at Longchamp. In which case Broadway Dancer could well prove to be a much greater threat to the likes of Cry of Truth and One Over Parr than Delmora, the French filly who finished second to Cry of Truth in the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket last Autumn.

So, with Allez France and possibly Broadway Dancer under orders at Longchamp next Sunday, next weekend promises to be an eventful couple of days in the life of Yves Saint-Martin. On Saturday he is due to be on parade at Phoenix Park to ride his intended 2,000 Guineas and Derby mount Sea Break, in the Vauxhall Stakes. Sea Break is owned by a syndicate of Irishmen and trained for them on the Curragh by Stewart Murless.

Saint-Martin has agreed to ride Sea Break for them whenever his commitments in France allow him to do so. Last Sunday Saint-Martin nearly had a good day for Mr Wildenstein. He won the Prix de Fontainebleau on Monsanto, who is to try to win the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, the French equivalent of our 2,000 Guineas, and he so nearly won the Prix Greffulhe on Top Gear. By all accounts Top Gear was unlucky.

Monsanto is a half brother to Mount Hagen, who won the Prix du Moulin for Mr Wildenstein last year. Mount Hagen is now standing at Coolmore Stud in Ireland. Like his elder half-brother, Monsanto is said to be in his element racing round a right-hand track.

John Hughes, one of racing's liveliest administrators, made the first important sponsorship announcement of 1975 in London, when he revealed that the Goodwood Mile, on August 23, upon his advice, will now be raised in value from £5,000 to £9,000 and the sponsors will be the Waterford Glass Company.

In future the race, won by Brigadier Gerard in 1971 and by the 1,000 Guineas winner, Humble Duty, in 1970, will be known as the Waterford Crystal Mile, a group three pattern race for three-year-olds and upwards.

Daniel should continue to serve Dunlop well

By Jim Snow

Although it is now officially spring, winter's traces remain, and Newcastle's mixed meeting tomorrow and Haydock Park's flat race programme tomorrow and Thursday have already been called off.

The drainage systems on these two fine courses have not been able to cope with ground that has been pounded from the skies mercilessly for over four months. Ascot has fared a little better. The flat race course is not fit for racing, but there will be National Hunt racing on Thursday and Saturday. Beverley, which has a two-day flat race meeting on Friday and Saturday, is not affected, and although the going is certain to be soft or heavy, no inspection is planned.

What should have been a busy and instructive week of racing has been slimmed down to today's meetings at Wolverhampton and Hamilton Park, with a blank day tomorrow and Beverley providing the only flat racing on the Friday and Saturday. Some of the keen and able golfers, such as Geoffrey Lewis and Brian Taylor, will be putting their clubs into the boots of their cars instead of the usual equipment—maybe a favourite saddle, whip, or boots, and they will enjoy an extra few rounds because of the waterlogged going all over the country.

At Wolverhampton John Dunlop's Arundel stable might win three races, the Bourton Plate (2.45) with Mayumbe, the £1,000 Crown Plus Two Apprentice Championship—one of a series of 16 races leading to the final in the autumn—and the Much Wenlock Handicap with Horseguards. Of the three, the best may be Horseguards, one of John Dunlop's eight winners at Cagnes-sur-Mer in February and March, and recently a handsome winner at Doncaster. Horseguards was first or second from the time the stalls opened, and he went past Kung Fu approaching the straight to beat that horse by seven lengths. Ron Hutchinson will not have many more comfortable rides this season.

Daniel has been a great servant to Arundel. In eight seasons of racing he has won 21 times and he is a good mount for an apprentice. Daniel is 10, and Aldie one year younger, and it might be that this other useful old horse will be the biggest danger to Daniel. Supergrey, beaten a length at Warwick a week ago by The Happy Hooker, and Princely Mount look the pick of the field of 11 for the Shifnal Handicap.

At Hamilton the old turf has beaten the wet winter and the going this afternoon is expected to be good to soft. Pat Eddery goes north principally to ride Brawby Lad for Derek Weeden in the Middleward Handicap. Last week at Pontefract Eddery finished second on Brawby Lad to the favourite, Day Two, and on that form he should go well this afternoon. Sir Mark Prescott made many successful journeys from Newmarket to the north in 1974. His filly, Water Hyacinth, raced twice only last season, might be the best selection in the Holytown Plate. Water Hyacinth showed some promise on her final appearance at Redcar in October when she finished third to Posey, and her granddam was the outstanding mare, Bagheera, who won the French Oaks and the Grand Prix de Paris.

Wheatclose cannot be opposed in the opening Apprentice Handicap. He goes well for a boy rider, and Deighton Prince, a winner at Teesside Park last week, can be expected to carry his 5lb penalty well in the Quarry Selling Handicap.

Because of heavy rain during yesterday evening, the Fontwell Park stewards decided to inspect the course at 7.45 this morning.

STATE OF GOING (official): Fontwell Park: Heavy; Hamilton Park: Good to soft; Wolverhampton: Soft; Ludlow (tomorrow): Soft.

St Cloud win for Piggott with well-timed effort

Paris, April 7.—Lester Piggott, riding Maria Felix Berger's Vicam, the favourite, won the £3,000 Prix Canot for three-year-olds, run over one mile and a half at St Cloud today.

Piggott kept his horse at the back of the seven-strong field until the straight and beat Edouard Lyon's Crecello, ridden by Christian Defosse, by a neck.

In an earlier race, Piggott rode Robert Hakim's Cannabis into sixth and last place in the Prix Quicko for four-year-olds and upwards, run over a mile. The £5,000 prize went to Mr C. F. Delecroix's Full of Hope, a five-year-old ridden by William Pyers.—Reuter.

Hills report backing for Fulke Johnson Houghton's Libra's Rib in the 2,000 Guineas and have reduced his price to 33-1 from 50-1. Grundy remains 5-2 favourite, with Sea Break 8-1, Speedy Dakota 12-1 and Dial-A-Lad 14-1.

Noel Le Mare has been invited to unveil a bronze statue of his dual Aintree Grand National winner, Red Rum, at the Scottish Grand National meeting at Ayr on April 19.

Wolverhampton programme

2.15 APRIL STAKES (2-y-o: £390: 5f)

3 02 Fire Glaze (P. Milner), Milner, 8-11 .... G. Morgan 7 3
5 Mac's Kilt (L. Lougher), E. Reavey, 8-11 .... G. Baxter 2
7 Native King (Mrs Vigors), N. Vigors, 8-11 .... D. Atkinson 5
8 0 O'Conna (B. Cambidge), Cambidge, 8-11 .... C. Moss 4
9 0 Pitboy (P. Milner), Milner, 8-11 .... — 7
11 0 Casadina (B. Cambidge), Cambidge, 8-8 .... R. Still 1
12 02 Damies Girl (Mrs Swift), B. Swift, 8-8 .... P. Cook 6
5-4 Damies Girl, 2-1 Fire Glaze, 3-1 O'Conna, 8-1 Mac's Kilt, 16-1 others.

2.45 BOURTON PLATE (3-y-o maidens: £414: 1¼m 50yd)

2 040-0 Greek Monarch (S. Mason), R. Vibert, 9-0 .... M. Kettle 14
4 030- Invergayle (J. Allbritton), J. Hindley, 9-0 .... A. Kimberley 4
5 0000-3 Maris Piper (S. Hill), R. Hollinshead, 9-0 .... T. Ives 12
6 000- Mayumbe (Miss Lawson), J. Dunlop, 9-0 Ron Hutchinson 9
7 00000-4 Princely Rifle (Sir D. Clague), C. Benstead, 9-0 .... B. Rouse 6
9 04000- Devadara (T. Charlton), T. Corrie, 8-11 R. Wernham 5 10
10 0000- Faculty (M. Wyatt), K. Candy, 8-11 .... P. Waldron 15
11 30- La Falaise (K. Campbell), B. Hanbury, 8-11 .... B. Raymond 8
12 0000- Mossy Girl (J. Robinson), R. Vibert, 8-11 .... G. Baxter 3
14 00000- Otaki (Mrs Hawkins), Doug Smith, 8-11 .... T. McKeown 7
15 000- St Cadwaladr (Ld Carrick), G. Smyth, 8-11 .... G. Lewis 5
16 0- Tinivaro (E. Hill), M. Prescott, 8-11 .... R. Still 1
17 000000- Tom Tallis (T. Gaffney), R. Akehurst, 8-11 .... C. Williams 3
20 00- Yakshi (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 8-11 .... J. Egan 11
7-2 Princely Rifle, 4-1 Maris Piper, 5-1 La Falaise, 13-2 Invergayle, 8-1 Faculty, Greek Monarch, 10-1 Mayumbe, 12-1 Tinivaro, 16-1 others.

3.15 SHIFNAL HANDICAP (£555: 1m 1f)

5 13312-0 Princely Mount (C. Perks), R. Hollinshead, 5-9-1 J. Mercer 4
6 003100- Brave Talk (F. Tinsley), P. Haslam, 6-9-0 .... R. Wernham 5 2
7 00400-2 Supergrey (C) (R. Bennett), R. Hannon, 5-8-10 .... F. Durr 5
11 34400-0 Track Hero (Miss Hindley), C. Benstead, 4-8-5 .... B. Rouse 3
13 000022- Niswyth (D. Hanley), Hanley, 4-8-3 .... G. Baxter 10
15 24214-0 Grand Display (CD) (F. Horsford), D. Weeden, 4-8-1 P. Cook 9
17 04000-0 Weepers Rose (D. H. Robinson), R. Clay, 4-8-1 .... E. Eldin 6
19 00002-3 Last Orders (A. Stevens), Stevens, 6-8-1 .... P. Waldron 1
21 Cootamundra (Col A. Waite), G. Vergette, 5-7-13 W. Carson 8
33 10040-0 Shoulder Aims (J. Bethell), Bethell, 7-7-13 .... K. Woodburn 7 7
9-4 Supergrey, 7-2 Princely Mount, 4-1 Last Orders, 6-1 Niswyth, 8-1 Track Hero, 12-1 Grand Display, 14-1 Brave Talk, 20-1 others.

3.45 CROWN PLUS TWO HANDICAP (£774: 1m 1f)

1 01000-0 Doubleglow (Mrs Pearse), B. Hills, 6-9-4 .. R. Cochrane 7 1
2 111040- *Blaskette (CD) (Mrs Owen-George), N. Vigors, 4-9-2 — 6
3 301302- Aldie (D) (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 9-8-8 .... G. Guest 5 3
4 230-304 Grey Pegasus (Miss C. Pugh), R. Hollinshead, 5-8-8 K. Lewis 3
5 11100-0 Barsheba (Mrs Keeling), W. Stephenson, 5-8-8 .... S. Hives 5 10
6 011000- Daniel (CD) (Miss G. Lawson), J. Dunlop, 10-8-4 D. Gillespie 5 7
7 000002- El Rondo (W. Davies), M. Tate, 4-8-3 .... R. Fox 8
9 023240- Loch Nell (P. Cane), P. Haslam, 5-7-13 .... I. Johnson 4
10 123302- Ballad Singer (Mrs Cressey), R. Akehurst, 5-7-12 R. Millman 5 9
11 Stationayre (Mrs Cross), W. Wharton, 5-7-7 W. Wharton 7 11
12 0 Band Of Hope (A. Clarke), J. Edmunds, 7-7-7 .... I. Emes 5
5-2 Grey Pegasus, 3-1 Doubleglow, 4-1 Barsheba, 5-1 Daniel, 8-1 Aldie, El Rondo, 14-1 others.

4.15 MUCH WENLOCK HANDICAP (3-y-o: £483: 1m 3f 25yd)

1 0130- Pipes and Drums (Mrs Hindley), J. Hindley, 9-2 A. Kimberley 6
2 21-0011 Horseguards (C) (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk), J. Dunlop, 9-3 .... Ron Hutchinson 8
4 40401-3 Be Faithful (P. Pritchard), B. Swift, 8-9 .... K. Daniels 7 1
6 001043- Call the Police (M. Slade), G. Hunter, 8-6 .... J. Reid 3
8 0041- Pearl Drop (Lady Hardy), Doug Smith, 8-5 T. McKeown 5
10 0022- Night Adventure (R. Richmond-Watson), G. Smyth, 8-5 G. Lewis 2
15 000110- Jim Colner (C) (Mrs Ramsden), J. Sutcliffe jun, 7-10 B. Rouse 7
17 0000- Shosheen (Mrs Keeling), W. Stephenson, 7-6 .... S. Hill 7 4
Evens Horseguards, 5-1 Be Faithful, 6-1 Night Adventure, 8-1 Pipes and Drums, 13-1 Call the Police, Pearl Drop, 20-1 Jim Colner, 33-1 Shosheen.

4.45 IRONBRIDGE PLATE (3-y-o maidens: £414: 5f 190yd)

3 000- Doctor Who (Mrs Morris), R. E. Peacock, 9-0 .... C. Moss 10
4 32343- Elusive Character (G. Bird), D. Whelan, 9-0 .... A. Bond 12
8 000- Keep Pace (C. Loyd), R. Houghton, 9-0 .... F. Morby 4
9 000000- King Drifter (M. Hill), N. Callaghan, 9-0 .... W. Hood 16
12 Moon Base (A. Stevens), Stevens, 8-11 .... R. Weaver 5 6
13 2200-0 Mr Snaps (C. Wheatley), D. Dale, 9-0 .... R. Wernham 5 13
14 00- *On The Green (Mrs Renshaw), J. Bethell, 9-0 J. Mercer 11
16 00-0 Saints' Soire (S. Oyston), R. Hollinshead, 9-0 .... T. Ives 8
17 032442- Solo Violin (H. Zeisel), H. Cecil, 9-0 .... F. Durr 3
25 0- Jaguar (A. Ross), G. Smyth, 8-11 .... P. Waldron 15
26 40000-0 Miss Belvedere (J. Mawson), S. Nesbitt, 8-11 .. W. Carson 5
27 *Pay Attention (P. Burns), P. Bailey, 8-11 .... — 18
28 0000- Pikelia (Mrs Mitchell), V. Mitchell, 8-11 .... E. Apter 2
29 03- Princess Rosamond (Exors of the late Mrs Trimmer-Thompson), G. Smyth, 8-11 .... G. Lewis 17
30 000- Reprobate (A. Holland), J. Sutcliffe jun, 8-11 .... B. Rouse 9
31 0300- Sicasante (Sir D. Vestey), P. Cundell, 8-11 .... P. Cook 14
32 Sky Miss (Mrs Squirrel), E. Cousins, 8-11 .... H. Starkey 7
33 444020- Skyiene (Miss Farnham), H. Collingridge, 8-11 G. Sexton 1
9-4 Solo Violin, 11-4 Elusive Character, 7-2 Mr Snaps, 6-1 Princess Rosamond, 8-1 Sky Miss, 10-1 Jaguar, 16-1 others.
* Doubtful runner.

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2.15 Damie's Girl. 2.45 Mayumbe. 3.15 Supergrey. 3.45 Daniel. 4.15 HORSEGUARDS is specially recommended. 4.45 Princess Rosamond.

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2.30 AUCHINRAITH HANDICAP (£327: 1m)

2 10300- Major Falcon (E. Mageo), N. Angus, 4-8-6 .... L. Addie 10
3 021-111 Wheatclose (G. Newsome), M. W. Easterby, 4-8-6 T. Walsh 8
5 100310- Quick Thinking (CD) (W. Bickerstaffe), W. Haigh, 4-8-4 P. McGoldrick 9
7 431- Leading Question (D) (Mrs J. Smith), K. Payne, 5-8-1 S. Eccles 5
8 004003- Medina Boy (Mrs J. Thomson), T. Craig, 8-8-1 W. Keitie 3 1
9 00000- Hatfield Heath (P. Poston), Poston, 4-8-1 .... R. Southern 2
10 00000-0 Cinder Track (L. Rawcliffe), R. E. Whitman, 4-7-12 D. Nicholls 7
11 30210-2 Branded (R. Spencer), M. H. Easterby, 4-7-12 R. Lappin 3 4
13 01000- Stormer (W. Marshall), Marshall, 7-7-11 .... A. Major 3
14 404100- Machine (Mrs R. Fairclough), M. James, 7-7-11 N. Thomas 5 6
4-5 Wheatclose, 2-1 Branded, 8-1 Quick Thinking, Cinder Track, 10-1 Medina Boy, 12-1 Major Falcon, 16-1 others.

3.0 QUARRY SELLING HANDICAP PLATE (£311: 1m)

1 002404- Willask (A. Brewster), Brewster, 4-10-0 .... J. Seagrave 6
2 314401- Siveron (C. Thompson), V. Thompson, 4-9-5 .... E. Johnson 14
3 0204-00 Czardas Prince (H. Zeisel), K. Payne, 4-9-2 .. A. Cousins 17
4 041130- Broomstone (CD) (A. Thomason), M. Naughton, 4-9-2 E. Hide 16
5 000000- Honey Bright (Mrs M. Tanner), B. Richmond, 4-8-13 P. Steed 7 7
6 000420- Mr Manacle (R. Batten), K. Whitehead, 4-8-13 .. J. Skilling 5
7 002341- Pasko (C. Hague), B. Richmond, 4-8-12 .... S. Salmon 5 12
10 000- Revolution (K. French), K. Payne, 4-8-8 .... A. Tippling 2
11 0000-03 Lovely Boy (L. Bailey), V. Thompson, 4-8-8 .. P. Kelleher 13
13 33400-0 Poco Bueno (J. Taylor), D. Weeden, 4-8-6 .... P. Eddery 3
14 00000-0 Big Tom (P. Poston), Poston, 4-8-2 .... R. Southern 7 9
15 04023-0 Kings Drum (D. Demeri), P. Metcalfe, 3-8-2 .... J. Higgins 15
17 0000-21 Deighton Prince (G. Berry), R. Bastiman, 3-7-13 D. Nicholls 7 10
18 00000-0 Weather All (J. Gossman), K. Whitehead, 4-7-9 D. McKay 4
19 2230- Sanall (A. Cameron), R. Bastiman, 4-7-9 .... P. Sapcote 7 8
20 303000- Quick Flash (Mrs J. Arnold), K. Payne, 3-7-8 .... T. Lappin 3
22 000000- Devil's Passage (W. Blenkinsopp), D. Williams, 3-7-7 S. Webster 5 11
5-1 Poco Bueno, 4-1 Deighton Prince, 11-2 Kings Drum, 13-2 Broomstone, 8-1 Siveron, Pasko, 10-1 Czardas Prince, 12-1 Honey Bright, 16-1 others.

3.30 DECHMONT PLATE (3-y-o: £345: 6f)

3 003420- Keith's Fridge (G. Wilkinson), E. Collingwood, 9-0 B. Connorton 5
5 000- Prince of Light (R. Tarrant), Denys Smith, 9-0 P. Kelleher 8
8 30000-0 Anna Natasha (Mrs A. Hodge), D. Weeden, 8-11 P. Eddery 7
9 00- Argent Soleil (J. Coggan), W. Marshall, 8-11 .... D. McKay 4
10 042030- Burriana (R. West), E. Cousins, 8-11 .... J. Seagrave 6
11 0000- Katie Louise (J. Nicholson), G. Toft, 8-11 .... P. D'Arcy 7
12 000- Quendon (P. Poston), Poston, 8-11 .... W. Cronshaw 1
9-4 Anna Natasha, 3-1 Keith's Fridge, 9-2 Burriana, 6-1 Argent Soleil, 8-1 Prince Of Light, 10-1 Katie Louise, 12-1 Quendon.

4.0 MIDDLEWARD HANDICAP (£492: 6f)

1 0000-04 Dornier Rire (D) (Mrs M. Price), M. Naughton, 4-9-10 O. Gray 5 3
2 00004-0 Sunsoon (G. Greenwood), T. Fairhurst, 5-9-5 .. E. Johnson 8
3 221020- Kernel Rose (D) (N. Angus), Angus, 5-9-4 Richard Hutchinson 4
4 40242-2 Brawby Lad (A. Bullent), D. Weeden, 4-9-3 .... P. Eddery 6
5 00100-0 Big Jake (D) (B. Kerrigan), K. Payne, 5-8-12 .. T. Lappin 2
6 04004-2 Idle Dice (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 3-8-9 .... A. Cousins 1
7 000032- Tzu-Hsi (Mrs V. Haigh), W. Haigh, 4-8-8 .... K. Leason 9
8 12000- Sounds Good (Miss K. Allan), Denys Smith, 5-8-7 P. Kelleher 7
9 200000- Floral Light (Sir H. Fraser), K. Whitehead, 4-8-6 J. Skilling 10
13 Auchentibber (R. Barrett), L. Docker, 11-7-7 C. Eccleston 8
7-4 Brawby Lad, 5-2 Idle Dice, 9-2 Sounds Good, 11-2 Big Jake, 8-1 Dornier Rire, 10-1 Kernel Rose, 12-1 others.

4.30 CAMPSIE STAKES (2-y-o: £395: 5f)

2 Bel Azur (E. Collingwood), Collingwood, 9-0 .... O. Gray 5 12
3 Castledoon (C. Wallace), Wallace, 9-0 .... A. McManus 10
4 0 Crafty Boy (W. Davies), K. Payne, 9-0 .... A. Cousins 7
5 0 Cry No More (W. Lusty), W. Marshall, 9-0 .... D. McKay 6
6 Don Valley (C. Spence), M. W. Easterby, 9-0 .... E. Hide 14
9 03 Harrys Fizzale (H. Meadows), K. Payne, 9-0 .... T. Lappin 9
10 0 Holmwood Leap (M. Llewellyn), T. Craig, 9-0 .. K. Leason 3
11 Huntercombe Lad (J. Cooper), K. Whitehead, 9-0 J. Skilling 11
12 Jukes Walk (G. Toft), Toft, 9-0 .... B. Connorton 1
13 Nice Ice (D. Needham), Denys Smith, 9-0 .... P. Kelleher 8
18 0 Blushing Bride (P. Poston), Poston, 8-11 .. W. Cronshaw 4
19 0 Chinese Falcon (Mrs I. Raine), P. Metcalfe, 8-11 J. Higgins 5
21 Hornet (T. Craig), Craig, 8-11 .... K. Leason 13
22 0 Katie Grey (J. Hurst), R. Titterington, 8-11 A. Horrocks 15
23 4 Tamalan (Mrs T. Metcalfe), L. Shedden, 8-11 C. Eccleston 2
9-4 Don Valley, 3-1 Cry No More, 9-2 Tamalan, 6-1 Harry Fizzale, 8-1 Crafty Boy, 10-1 Huntercombe Lad, Jukes Walk, 12-1 Nice Ice, 16-1 others.

5.0 HOLYTOWN PLATE (3-y-o: £345: 1¼m)

3 0- Hemingway (W. Kirby), K. Whitehead, 9-0 .... J. Skilling 5
4 03000- I'm Alright Jack (J. Brown), N. Angus, 9-0 Richard Hutchinson 4
6 00000-4 Ready Market (Mrs O. Lusty), W. Marshall, 9-0 D. McKay 8
7 00140- A'ire Margaret (G. Crabbie), T. Craig, 8-11 .. K. Leason 7
10 000- Michelle (R. Blore), G. Wallace, 8-11 .... A. McManus 3
13 30304-2 Spring Lane (G. Bellwood), G. Toft, 8-11 .... B. Connorton 6
15 03- Water Hyacinth (Lady Macdonald-Buchanan), M. Prescott, 8-11 .... G. Duffield 1
16 00040-0 Wild Easter (J. Hurst), R. Titterington, 8-11 A. Horrocks 3
15-8 Water Hyacinth, 5-2 Spring Lane, 11-2 Ready Market, 7-1 Hemingway, 8-1 Wild Easter, 12-1 I'm Alright Jack, 16-1 others.

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2.30 Wheatclose. 3.0 Deighton Prince. 3.30 Argent Soleil. 4.0 Brawby Lad. 4.30 Tamalan. 5.0 Water Hyacinth.

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5.0 Water Hyacinth.

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2.0 NYTON HURDLE (Handicap: £511: 2m 1f)

1 32-0000 Shearing (S. Clarke), G. Harwood, 6-12-1 .... G. Lawson
3 00 Great (Mrs Browning), D. Browning, 6-11-7 .... M. Stanley 5
5 0p240r- Prosen (J. O'Donoghue), O'Donoghue, 6-11-5 .. Mr Geering 7
7 021300 Miss Worden (CD) (C. Gillam), B. Wise, 8-11-4 .... R. Rowell
8 00100s Mookalben (J. Clubb), J. Long, 6-11-3 .... J. McNaught
9 0f0020 On Wyndermere (Mrs Sharp), J. Evans, 4-11-1 .... M. Wagner
12 22434 Ryarsh (R. Lingham), S. Supple, 4-10-12 .... T. Bridges 5
15 000-000 Heswall (A. Hoddinott), B. Wise, 5-10-9 .... C. Rowen 7
16 p00 Maxmara (M. Collins), J. O'Donoghue, 6-10-9 .... Mr Collins 7
17 020031 Jayride (Mrs Marmor), G. Balding, 4-10-9 .... R. Bailey
19 02p020- Blue River Wonder (H. Manners), Manners, 6-10-8 J. Cullinane 7
21 0p0 Royal Sherry (A. Harrop), A. Davison, 6-10-6 .... R. Atkins
23 0000 Chunky Joe (A. Aylett), Aylett, 5-10-6 .... J. Jenkins
24 0ff-000 The Donstan (S. Powell), E. McNally, 6-10-5 .... B. McNally 7
25 230400 Briarcote (C. Dryden), P. Dryden, 6-10-4 .... Mr Parrett 7
26 00003 Sound Proof (C. Wildman), W. Wildman, 4-10-1 .... C. Brown 7
28 00f-0 Naughty Nun (Mrs Gates), T. Gates, 6-10-0 .... R. Forsyth 7
29 340000 Zaaya (H. Barron), E. McNally, 5-10-0 .... G. McNally
5-3 Jayride, 4-1 Ryarsh, 9-2 Miss Worden, 6-1 Shearing, 10-1 Sound Proof, Royal Sherry, 12-1 Blue River Wonder, 14-1 Mookalben, 20-1 others.

2.30 FLANSHAM STEEPLECHASE (Div I: Novices: £340: 2½m)

1 221321 Ceol-Na-Mara (Mrs Seddon-Brown), S. Mellor, 6-11-12 J. Glover
3 -f0011 Half-Holiday (F. Pullen), J. Gifford, 8-11-12 .... R. Champion
6 p-r604f Coann Mor (S. Fowkes), A. Moore, 8-11-2 .... C. Read
10 0000-0 Ivycarra (C. Freer), C. Fryer, 8-11-2 .... C. Brown 7
12 0000-00 Silvertown (P. Simms), P. Cowley, 7-11-2 .... R. Dickin 5
4-6 Ceol-Na-Mara, 6-4 Half-Holiday, 14-1 Coann Mor, 16-1 Silvertown, 33-1 Ivycarra.

3.0 JOE CORAL HURDLE (Handicap: £1,014: 2¼m)

2 2f0022 Potentate (R. Francis), J. Gifford, 10-11-7 .... R. Champion
3 00 Charchwood (Mrs Hawkins), M. Goswell, 11-11-7 .... R. Rowell
4 221-ff0 Stan's Boy (C) (Mrs George), F. Winter, 6-11-6 .... R. Pitman
5 210440 Eric (C) (T. Cornwell), V. Cross, 8-11-6 .... F. McKenna
6 220d41 Willow Hound (J. Macgregor), Mrs A. Finch, 8-11-1 .... J. Fox
7 30f411 Something To Hide (D) (Mrs Shaw), Mrs R. Lomax, 6-10-9 A. Carroll 7
9 412010 Parkhouse (C) (Mrs Easton), Mrs M. Easton, 6-10-8 Mr Mead 3
10 00b40f Modigliani (D) (W. Greenwood), F. Cundell, 6-10-8 B. R. Davies
12 244121 China Bank (S. Supple), Supple, 5-10-7 .... T. Bridge 5
14 200f00 Rotyat (CD) (J. Allum), G. Balding, 9-10-8 .... R. Bailey
15 030-300 Marshal Who (P. Griffith), J. Welch, 11-10-4 .... R. Atkins
16 024134 Valuable Coin (A. Kerwood), K. Ivory, 5-10-4 .... G. Thorner
17 00422 Bob Jones (G. Bird), M. Goswell, 6-10-2 .... J. McNaught
21 340002 Evagoras (S. Holden), E. Beeson, 5-10-0 .... J. Jenkins
23 0442-0f Newlands Lad (E. Savage), Savage, 7-10-0 .... P. Butler 7
26 0p00p0 Terry Rogers (F. Taylor), A. Moore, 7-10-0 .... C. Read
4-1 China Bank, 6-1 Willow Hound, 11-2 Something To Hide, 7-1 Potentate, Valuable Coin, 10-1 Eric, Bob Jones, 12-1 Parkhouse, Evagoras, 16-1 Modigliani, 20-1 others.

3.30 BEAUMONT CUP STEEPLECHASE (£481: 3¼m)

1 u02421 Bold Mariner (C) (A. Wates), Wates, 9-12-12 .... —
2 1221p2 Curlew River (CD) (Mrs Bader), K. Ivory, 10-10-12 Mr King 5
3 00003- Bronze Legacy (C) (G. Cooper), Cooper, 8-12-0 .. Mr Cooper 7
6 p0p Aghaboys (Mrs Bond-Smith), J. Bond-Smith, 9-11-7 Mr Mackie 7
7 00f00- Canny Tory (W. Price), Price, 8-11-7 .... Mr Parkyn 3
8 0-00004 Greendown Paul (O. Pierce), E. McNally, 9-11-7 .. Mr Head 7
9 p-04 Home Wood (W. Price), Price, 9-11-7 .... Mr Underwood 7
10 pb0 Laydoney (R. Champion), M. Goswell, 8-11-7 .... Mr Evatt 5
11 010433 Prince Reynard (T. Dingley), E. McNally, 5-11-5 .. Mr Linley 5
Evens Bold Mariner, 6-4 Curlew River, 10-1 Prince Reynard, 16-1 Home Wood, 20-1 Bronze Legacy, Greendown Paul, 33-1 others.

4.0 BOGNOR REGIS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £751: 2½m)

3 f12130 Remigio (Mrs Paterson), F. Winter, 7-11-5 .... J. Francome
4 42u132 Clare Dawn (Mrs Grantham), J. Gifford, 7-11-4 .. R. Champion
7 122202 Prince Twenty (C) (K. Ivory), Ivory, 7-10-7 .... G. Thorner
9 1ff0p-0 Blest (R. Goodfellow), J. O'Donoghue, 7-10-6 .... P. Butler 7
16 1f4-402 Be Nice (Mrs Wates), C. Wates, 9-10-0 .... J. McNaught
17 13 Hall Fellow (G. Tanner), I. Wardle, 11-10-0 .... M. Salaman
18 40f300 The Spook (CD) (O. Henley), W. Charles, 9-10-0 D. Cartwright
19 034014 Utah (CD) (C. Barker), Barker, 11-10-0 .... M. Gibson
23 ppp0p-p Advocate (CD) (C. Fryer), Fryer, 10-10-0 .... C. Brown 7
9-4 Prince Twenty, 3-1 Remigio, 4-1 Clare Dawn, 7-1 Hall Fellow, 10-1 Utah, 12-1 Be Nice, 14-1 The Spook, 20-1 others.

4.30 FLANSHAM STEEPLECHASE (Div II: Novices: £340: 2½m)

1 022121 Persian Camp (Mrs Arnold), F. Cundell, 7-12-3 .. B. R. Davies
2 210144 Monksgrange (CD) (S. Horwood), S. Woodman, 7-11-12 W. Smith
3 4p2021 Mexican Frolic (C. Davenport), S. Mellor, 7-11-7 .... J. Glover
4 020000 Agnew (Mrs Browning), D. Browning, 7-11-2 .... M. Stanley 5
6 40000-0 Dirt Track (J. Cole), A. Moore, 6-11-2 .... C. Read
7 40024 I Cry (C. Craig), R. Blakeney, 6-11-2 .... J. McNaught
9 p00-p0 Lammas (Mrs Maslen), B. Wise, 6-11-2 .... R. Rowell
10 s-00fp0 Midastoo (A. Moore), Moore, 6-11-2 .... J. Jenkins
13 2-0 Red Rosary (J. Druce), J. Long, 9-11-2 .... M. Gibson
14 00-p200 Solotown (J. Cobden), Cobden, 11-11-2 .... B. Jones 5
16 f02-p Whittler (E. Cutts), D. Jermy, 7-11-2 .... G. Old
1-2 Persian Camp, 4-1 Monksgrange, 8-1 Mexican Frolic, 20-1 Solotown, I Cry, Red Rosary, 33-1 others.

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2.0 Jayride. 2.30 Ceol-Na-Mara. 3.0 Willow Hound. 3.30 Curlew River. 4.0 Prince Twenty. 4.30 Persian Camp.

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2.15 (2.20) RYTON PLATE (2-y-o maidens: £414: 5f)

Royal Dart, b c, by Roi Soleil—Petite Lisa (S. Marks), 9-0 P. Cook (6-1) 1
Lloyd Ardua, b c, by Jimmy Reppin—Ardnahoe (Mrs S. Bates), 9-0 B. Jago (6-1) 2
Chatillon, gr c, by Runnymede—Florecilla (C. Spencer), 9-0 G. Lewis (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav British Lion, 7-2 Black District (4th), 8-1 Maxthol, 13-1 Shady Grey, 20-1 Ironbridge, Taw Valley, Easter Jewel, John Gay, Levant Melody, Snowy M. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.69; places, 36p, 21p, 25p. B. Swift, at Epsom. 6l, nk.

2.45 (2.47) BROCKTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £340: 1m 3f 25yds)

Baltic Love, b g, by Current Coin—Arctic Villa (C. Booth), 8-0 M. L. Thomas (13-8 fav) 1
Philmont, gr f, by Philemon—Caeremont (P. Gallagher), 7-13 D. McKay (6-1) 2
Say Blast It, gr c, by Saylar—So Unlikely (J. Hardy), 7-9 car 7-13 C. Moss (4-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Kobo, Skye, 12-1 Tudor Yan, Hard Angel (4th), 14-1 Zaralown, 16-1 Prince Hill, 20-1 Lucky French, Crystralla, Beyond a Dream. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 14p, 25p, 15p. P. Rohan, at Malton. 8l, 3l.

3.15 (3.18) WULFRUNA HANDICAP (3-y-o: £530: 6f)

Two Ronnies, b c, by Carnival Dancer—Little Singer (J. Glover), 7-13 .... W. Carson (4-1) 1
Singing Time, b c, by Manacle—Five Minutes (Mrs G. Neal), 8-0 T. O'Sullivan (3-1) 2
Morning Wonder, b c, by Raffingora—Sunshine Wonder (F. Hunt), 9-0 .... R. Weaver (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 15-8 Falsetto (fav), 10-1 Haveley (4th), The Panastan, 11-1 Biekra, 40-1 Kinvasion. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 15p, 14p, 21p; dual forecast, 88p. S. Nesbitt, at Ripon. 1l, 5l.

3.45 (3.47) SPRING PLATE (Div I: 3-y-o: £414: 7f)

Yamadori, ch c, by Mountain Call—A Village (J. Kashiyama), 9-0 F. Morby (8-1) 1
Double Two, ch c, by Pals Passage—Terre D'or (C. Ansell), 9-0 B. Raymond (5-2 fav) 2
Vierra, b f, by Huntercombe—Airy Cal (Lord Dunraven), 8-11 .... F. Durr (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Sured Freak (4th), 7-1 Saucy Smokey, 8-1 Battle Ruler, Griffin, 10-1 Mister Chicken, 16-1 Dachstal Lad, Mell King, 20-1 Arzembuy, Monsieure Edouard. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 69p; places, 23p, 17p, 38p. R. Houghton, at Didcot. 1½l, 7l.

4.15 (4.21) MOLINEUX HANDICAP (£609: 7f)

THE HAPPY HOOKER, gr f, by Town Crier—Loyal Love (R. Dorn), 4-9-4 P. Cook (2-1 fav) 1
Taw and Torridge, b c, by Saylar—Inkled (G. Hill), 3-7-6 R. Fox (7-2) 2
Proud Pathan, b c, by Tribal Chief—Athanatos (Lt-Col Sir J. Scott), 3-8-6 .... F. Morby (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Multiple, 12-1 Sixtyseven, Trotty, 16-1 Wot AV I Mist (4th), Hayloft, 33-1 Spinfire. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 14p, 16p, 21p; dual forecast, 58p. P. Cundell, at Compton. 2l, 6l.

4.45 (4.48) BIRCHES BRIDGE PLATE (3-y-o: maidens: £414)

Space Leader, ch c, by Mr Leader—She's in Orbit (R. Zelker), 9-0 F. Durr (11-2) 1
Skibble, gr c, by Roan Rocket—Spring Fever (Ld H. de Walden), 8-9 .... A. Bonds (6-1) 2
Bright Comet, b c, by Derring Do—Santa Anita (T. Tikkoo), 9-0 B. Raymond (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Gold Streak, 10-1 Sheridan's Daughter, 12-1 Ray Lopez, John Plank, 14-1 Des, Field Moss, Gonush, Red Helly, Sovez Femme, 16-1 Bilching, Florida King, Sams Swanee, Startown (4th), 25-1 Blue Laser, Hobeite, Burkington Hill, Kinbo, Oak Lass, San Paolino, Vilporion, Uncle Stewy. 24 ran.

TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 25p, 26p, £1.64. H. Cecil, at Newmarket. 12l, 1l.

5.15 (5.18) SPRING MAIDEN PLATE (Div II: 3-y-o: £414: 7f)

Miss Hilbert, ch f, by Compensation—Money Matters (H. Boulton), 8-11 .... G. Starkey (3-1) 1
Top Level, b c, by Tower Walk—Feyre Elayne (Mrs F. Crossman), 9-0 .... W. Hood (3-1) 2
Royal Bride, b f, by Queen's Hussar—Royal Barter (W. Whiteman), 8-11 .. D. Ryan (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Surd Star (4th), 6-1 So They Say, 12-1 Double Twenty, 16-1 Another Pinia, 33-1 Burglar's Hi Fi-to, Privy Court, Stiron Light, Wynsome Miss. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 14p, 23p, £1.77. D. Keith, at Winchester. 6l, 5l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Two Ronnies, The Happy Hooker; win, £13.35. TREBLE: Baltic Love, Yamadori, Space Leader; win, £63.85.

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2.30 (2.34) CASTLEHILL HANDICAP (£472: 1¼m)

Wheatclose, b c, by Highland Melody—Lucky Maid (C. Newsome), 4-8-3 T. Walsh (8-13 fav) 1
Pinchow, br c, by Shantung—Spare Filly (Duke of Sutherland), 4-8-13 .... K. Milner (6-1) 2
Van Gogh, b h, by Pardao—Golden Corn (W. Taylor), 6-7-7 S. Houlker (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Ruddy Drake (4th), Off Scent. 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 16p; forecast, 49p. M. W. Easterby, at Flaxton. 5l, 3l. 2min 14.86sec.

3.0 (3.3) AUCHANS STAKES (£310: 1m)

Jimmy One-Row, ch c, by Jimmy Reppin—Military Snap (W. Lonsdale), 4-8-3 .. G. Oldroyd (9-1) 1
Busman's Holiday, ch c, by Silly Season—Clipple (G. Hamilton), 5-8-3 .... E. Hide (9-4 fav) 2
Black Pete, b c, by Laser Light—Amanda Jane (J. Richard), 3-8-3 .... C. Eccleston (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Rhondda Prince, Great Gulf, 11-2 Supreme Honey, 8-1 Peace And Quiet, 10-1 Wolds Way (4th), 12-1 Coaster. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.02; places, 23p, 16p, 31p; dual forecast, £3.85. J. Vickers, at Darlington. 2l, 2l. 1min 50.34sec.

3.30 (3.31) GOODHAM HANDICAP (£743: 1m 5f)

New Henry, b c, by Henry the Seventh—Pampered Angel (T. Corrie), 4-8-10 .... E. Hide (6-1) 1
Asset, b c, by Birdbrook-Chantel Gold (J. McGhie), 4-9-7 E. Johnson (100-30 fav) 2
Current Gold, ch c, by Current Coin—Souvergold (A. Picken), 4-8-9 .... J. Seagrave (7-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Davett (4th), 6-1 Tiny Ward, 10-1 Cock Hall Lass. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 61p; places, 42p, 35p; forecast, £3.05. J. W. Watts, at Richmond. 1l, 4l. 3min 04.49sec.

4.0 (4.3) LAMLASH STAKES (£324: 5f)

Dinsdale Lad, ch c, by Weepers Boy—River Kwai (W. Lonsdale), 4-9-4 .... G. Oldroyd (6-1) 1
Kaymay, b f, by Mayotreak—Double K (W. Taylor), 3-7-9 J. Lowe (12-1) 2
Lovely Boy, b c, by Porto Bello—Baltic Exchange (L. Bailey), 4-8-13 .... E. Johnson (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-4 Fraticelli (fav), 11-4 Tzu-Hsi (4th), 10-1 Teutonic, 14-1 Sky Pie, 25-1 Hurst Green. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 96p; places, 33p, 31p, 41p; dual forecast, £5.90. J. Vickers, at Darlington. 1½l, 3l. 1min 20.05sec.

4.30 (4.32) SMITHSTONE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £626: 5f)

Lazenby, b c, by Bleep Bleep—Ardent Worker (P. Long), 9-1 E. Hide (1-2) 1
Hard Held, ch c, by Manacle—Angel d'Or (J. Wilson), 8-0 E. Apter (12-1) 2
True Compensation, ch c, by Compensation—Precious Dipper (H. Brown), 7-10 .. O. Gray (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-2 Bunny Boy, 4-1 Bella Baletta (4th), 9-1 Amber Flyer. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 15p; places, 13p, 34p; dual forecast, £1.15. M. W. Easterby, at Flaxton. 1½l, 3l. 1min 3.77sec. Starlight Castle did not run.

5.0 (5.5) HILLHOUSE STAKES (2-y-o: £505: 5f)

Delayed Action, b f, by Jolly Jet—Oversight (A. Jarkson), 8-8 B. Connorton (10-11 fav) 1
First Quay, ch c, by Quayside—Haiklasimo (I. Macdonald), 9-2 P. Kelleher (evens) 2
King Willi, b c, by Willipeg—Creggside Queen (A. Picken), 8-11 J. Seagrave (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 16-1 Lady Peaceable (4th). 4 ran.

TOTE: Win, 51p; forecast, 51p. H. Fort, at Beverley. 3l, 6l. 1min 4.51sec. Liberty Light did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: New Henry, Lazenby; £6.20. TREBLE: Jimmy One-Row, Dinsdale Lad, Delayed Action; £21.50.

SPORT

Rugby Union

Forward sent off but England complete grand slam undeterred

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

The England 19 group rugby team, who completed their grand slam with their 31—3 victory over France at New Brighton at the weekend, certainly were not deterred by the sending-off of their loose head prop, John Doubleday, in the first half. Peter Enevoldson switched to the tight head, a position he was to occupy thereafter whenever France put the ball in, and England at the next scrummage heaved back their opponents by many yards. They never went short of possession from this source.

By then, it is fair to point out, the French pack, too, had been reduced in number. Their No 8 accompanied Doubleday to the dressing room, having been involved in the brouhaha that drove the well regarded Welsh referee, Mr Wyn Bevan, to avail himself of his ultimate sanction.

There seemed general agreement that this season's England pack is as good as they have ever fielded in the 19 group, and that they have an exceptional pair of props in Doubleday and Enevoldson. Doubleday—6ft 1in and over 16st—comes from Belmont Abbey, in Herefordshire, is a member of Newport, and has a Welsh qualification. The England under-23 selectors would be wise to bring him swiftly into their set.

I remember Ron Tennick telling me, when the 19 group side came back from their triumphant tour of Australia last summer, that he had scrummaged against Doubleday in training and had been greatly impressed by his strength. This formidable young player is an accomplished runner and kicker who is well capable of playing as a No 8.

Enevoldson, from Newcastle Royal Grammar School, was in the England 15 group side when his older brother, Nigel, was playing for the 19 group. Much smaller than Doubleday, at 5ft 9½in, he is a "mighty mouse" in the Ian McLauchlan mould, and has won himself an Oxford scholarship in medicine. One of the present Oxford props is the Yorkshireman, Woodhead, who was in Australia with him. The Oxford coach, Ieuan Jones, should be pleased to have such an accession of strength.

Enevoldson's academic prowess seems fully matched by that of the 19 group hooker, David Craig, of Bradford Grammar School, who has acquired a Cambridge open scholarship in classics. All this will give pause to those behind the scrummage who tend to regard front row forwards as having a limited IQ.

The two flankers, Toby Allchurch (Abbey High School, Worcester) and Peter Polledri (St Benedict's College), have consumed miles of pitch this season, swooping effectively on the loose ball. Allchurch, who won a 15 group cap in 1973, will be available for the 19 group for two more seasons.

The two centres who played against France, Matthew Fosh (Harrow) and D. J. Reed (King Henry VIII, Coventry), both weigh 14st or more. The wing, Andrew Sanniland (Leeds Grammar School), is an especially clever runner who has scored a lot of tries, three of them against France. The exciting full back, Marcus Rose, is a son of the ex-Bedford player, now a lecturer at Loughborough Colleges.

Thomas is an accomplished scrum half as well as being a talented cricketer, and his partner, Charles Rason, has had a season's experience in the senior Cumberland-Westmorland county side.

Golf

Huggett heads quality field in Portugal

Penina, Portugal, April 7.—The defending champion, Brian Huggett, of Britain, heads 137 starters in the Portuguese open golf championship which launches the European circuit here tomorrow. A high quality field has entered the competition at this Algarve resort, despite last month's political unrest in Portugal.

Huggett, who won the title at Estoril last year, leads into action most of Britain's top professionals. Those missing are Tony Jacklin, Peter Oosterhuis and Maurice Bembridge, who are playing in the United States Masters' tournament at Augusta.

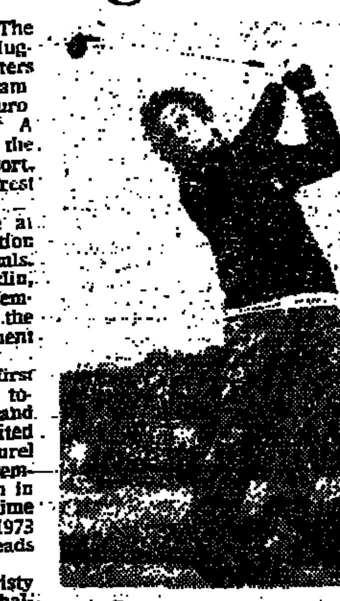
The Portuguese event is the first to count for qualifying points towards a place in the Britain and Ireland team to meet the United States in the Ryder Cup at Laurel Valley, Pennsylvania, in September. Bernard Gallacher, beaten in a sudden-death play-off by Jaime Benito, of Spain, in the 1973 Portuguese Open at Penina, heads a strong Scottish contingent.

The Ryder Cup player, Christy O'Connor, leads the Irish challenge. Neil Coles, Brian Barnes, Peter Townsend and Tommy Horton are among other Britons in the field.

A powerful Australian group is spearheaded by the British matchplay champion, Jack Newton, and the German open champion, Simon Owen, brother Craig and the world cup player, Dennis Clark, represent New Zealand. South Africa has Vince Baker, Simon Hobday represents Rhodesia and the leading South American player is Vicente Fernandez, of Argentina.

A total of 131 players had to compete in the pre-qualifying tournament, 87 going forward with scores of 81 or better to join those who were exempt. Total prize money at stake is £15,000 with £2,250 going to the winner.

The course, designed by the former British open champion, Henry Cotton, the resident professional at Penina, measures 7,214 yards (3,453 out, 3,761 in) and is par 73 (35, 38).—Reuter.



Huggett: Defends title

Greensboro, North Carolina, April 7.—Tom Weiskopf scored a final round of 68, three under par, to win the first prize of $45,000 (about £18,800) in the Greater Greensboro open golf tournament. The former British Open champion started the day with a lead of four strokes and increased it to five after an eagle at the par-five ninth hole.

He was never in serious trouble on the home half in spite of dropping strokes at the thirteenth and fourteenth holes. His final score was 275, three strokes fewer than Al Geiberger, who had a splendid 66 for the second successive day.

Maurice Bembridge, of Britain, had a 69 and finished in eighth place at 284, to win £2,700. Tony Jacklin scored 71 to tie for twelfth place at 286.

Lee Elder, the first black golfer to qualify for the Masters, scored an albatross in the last round. With a five iron he sent the ball flying 180 yards to the green and holed it with his second shot at the par-five fourteenth. It was the first albatross on the American circuit for 12 months. The last one was scored by Larry Wise at the Greensboro Open last year. Elder returned 69 for the round and a total of 286 to finish twelfth.

LEADING TOTALS (US unless stated): 275: T. Weiskopf 64, 71, 72, 68; 278: A. Geiberger 71, 75, 66, 66; 280: J. McGee 77, 67, 68, 68; 281: L. Trevino 71, 70, 72, 68; 282: D. Hill 67, 73, 72, 70; 283: K. Still 74, 68, 69, 72; 283: J. Miller 72, 70, 70, 71; 284: M. Bembridge (GB) 72, 73, 70, 69; 285: G. Marsh (Australia) 73, 70, 72, 70; 285: B. Melnyk 77, 70, 70, 68; 285: M. Rudolph 73, 72, 70, 70; 286: A. Jacklin (GB) 74, 70, 71, 71; 286: L. Elder 74, 73, 70, 69; 286: L. Graham 72, 71, 73, 70; 286: J. Rodriguez 73, 69, 73, 71. Other British score 291: P. Oosterhuis 76, 73, 71, 71.—Reuter.

Reno, Nevada, April 7.—Jack Nicklaus has been made favourite to win the Masters golf tournament at Augusta, Georgia, this week. Reno Turf Club made Nicklaus 3-1 and Tom Weiskopf second favourite at 6-1.

Richards back for Wasps

Geoffrey Richards, the England under-23 full back, and the prop forward, Cutter, return to the Wasps team to play London Welsh at Sudbury tomorrow evening. Both missed Saturday's match against Upper Clapton because of injury.

Sexton, an Oxford University hooker, will make his first appearance for Northampton against Bath at Franklin's Gardens tomorrow. He, a product of St Edward's School, Oxford, where Ian Wright, the Northampton captain, is on the teaching staff.

Sexton, who has played for Oxford University Greyhounds, takes over from Raphael, who is resuming his medical studies in Dublin after the vacation. Arneil joins the back row and Cannon moves to the second row because Larter is not available.

Rowing

Many leading Americans in English events

Many of America's leading oarsmen are to compete at English regattas this summer as part of their preparation for the world rowing championships at Nottingham between August 19 and 30.

Richard Dunham, secretary of the National Rowing Foundation of America, said during a visit to England that "just about everybody who has rowed internationally in the last couple of years will be coming over to England this summer". The foundation will be spending about £11,000 on their build-up to the championships. This would not include the amount paid by individual clubs competing in international regattas.

The Americans will be coming under the banner of such clubs as Vesper and Potomac. Vesper, who will be about 12 to 15 strong, hope to come early enough to race at Mannheim before going on to the Nottingham international regatta on June 28 and 29 and Henley a few days later. They hope to have an eight in the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley. Another dozen or so will come from Potomac.

Mr Dunham said there had been a revival in interest in rowing in America since they won the eights gold medal at last year's world championships in Lucerne.

Tennis

Australians lead seedings

The first four seeds in the men's singles for the Cumberland Club hard court tennis tournament, starting next Monday are all Australians, with Geoff Pollard, winner of the recent North of England title, filling top place. The first British player to be seeded is Christopher Wells, of Kent, the national under-21 champion, who gets in at No 5.

There is a much stronger British representation in the women's singles, with three Wightman Cup players, Glynis Coles, Lesley Charles and Susan Mappin, as the leading seeds. The full list of seeds is:

MEN: 1, G. Pollard (Australia); 2, A. Gardiner (Australia); 3, R. Prawiroy (Australia); 4, C. Robertson (Australia); 5, C. Wells (Kent); 6, P. Siller (Worcestershire); 7, R. Drysdale (Essex); 8, D. Collings (Australia).
WOMEN: 1, G. Coles (Middlesex); 2, L. Charles (Worcestershire); 3, S. Mappin (Yorkshire); 4, P. Hogan (US); 5, L. Beaven (Middlesex); 6, L. Mottram (Surrey); 7, C. Doerner (Australia); 8, A. Coe (Devon).

A former British international, Corinne Molesworth, of Brixham, who announced her retirement last summer because she had lost interest in the game, plans to return to tournament tennis. Arriving back in this country from a coaching tour which has taken her, in the last six months, to Switzerland, Kuwait, Pakistan, Ceylon, Singapore and Australia, Miss Molesworth said:

"I am delighted to see that the Lawn Tennis Association have continued to place me in the national rankings, and this has encouraged me to play in tournaments in England before I set out on another tour."

WASHINGTON: A. Metreveli (USSR) beat H. Rahim (Pakistan), 6—3, 7—5.

Athletics

'No help for professionals'

Athletic officials who operate under the jurisdiction of the Amateur Athletic Association have been told not to help in the running of professional athletics meetings. This means they should boycott the big International Track Association meeting at Crystal Palace on June 20.

Ronald Goodman, the chairman of the AAA general committee, said: "As we are amateur, we do not feel it is part of our function to assist in the running of professional meetings. Obviously we cannot stop officials helping. This is not exactly an order, it's more of a request or a suggestion." Mr Goodman could not say whether action would be taken against officials who did help.

The ITA were hoping to use amateur officials at their Crystal Palace meeting. Tony Ward, who will be announcing at the Crystal Palace event, said: "The whole thing is a bit sad. I think a large number of officials will object to being dictated to in this manner."

Squash rackets

Two Pakistanis join ranks of professionals

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

Qamar Zaman, the British open squash rackets champion, and Mohibullah Khan, British amateur champion for the past two years, have become professionals. They have signed five-year contracts with Goudie Squash International, of Dunbar. Formed in November, GSI manufacture squash equipment, clothing and shoes and are also to market a new ball developed and produced by their major shareholders, BTR Ltd (London), at a factory in Leyland, Lancashire.

Though technically amateurs, Zaman and Mohibullah were essentially part-time professionals employed by Pakistan International Airlines, who provide financial security for many of Pakistan's leading sportsmen. They have contested the last two finals of the British amateur championship and were unquestionably the finest players outside the professional ranks.

The departure of Zaman and Mohibullah from the amateur scene will have far-reaching consequences. It removes the upper crust from all international amateur tournaments. In view of ISPA's policy, it threatens the stature of all open tournaments that continue to award prize money "vouchers" to amateurs. Finally, it means that the exclusively professional circuit will feature the best players in the world, without exception.

Cricket

ST JOHN'S (Antigua): Jamaica 348; Combined Islands 316—7 (V. Richards 101, I. Shillingford 82).
GEORGETOWN: Trinidad 303 and 191—7 (L. Gomes 76, D. L. Murray 67); Guyana 415 (L. Baichan 111, R. Fredericks 71, R. Collymore 71, A. Kallicharran 70, R. Jumadeen 5—118).

One man's addiction to the long and the short of rugby's magnificent sevens

The game with the O. Henry twist in its tail

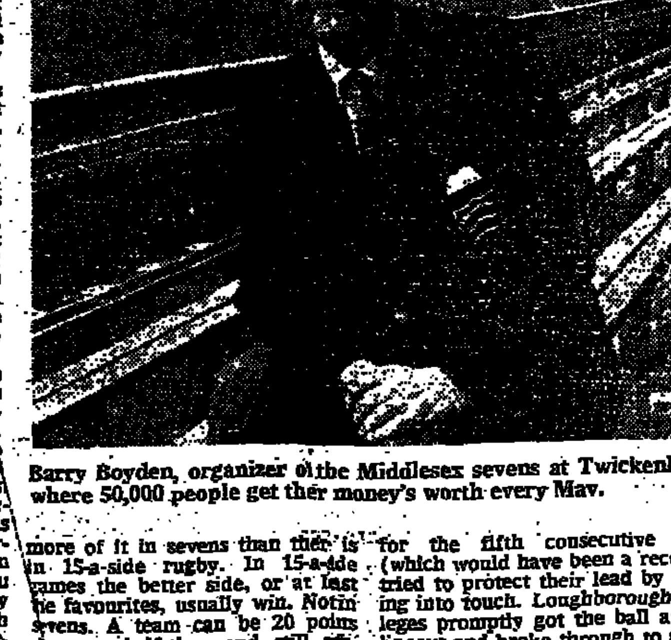
In rugby, I have always had a soft spot for seven-aside tournaments. If I had to chose between spending a Saturday afternoon at an international match and spending it at a sevens tournament, I think I would choose the sevens without much hesitation, provided they were sevens of the first rank, such as Melrose (their ancestral home), Cardiff or Twickenham. The choice could not arise, of course, because internationals and sevens are played at different times of the season. I mention it only to emphasize my preference.

There are many people, players among them, who would think it a curious preference. To them, internationals are serious (whatever that might mean in the context of sport) and sevens frivolous; internationals real, sevens somehow unreal. Besides, they say, the 15-a-side game is the parent and the sevens game a child that has never grown up. One is flesh and blood, the other a skeleton. True, true, and true again—more or less. But I am still addicted to sevens.

One thing you always get with them is your money's worth. You cannot possibly say the same of international or club matches. A sevens tournament can last up to six hours, and though a few of the games may be dull, the rest are bound to be ample compensation. It is one of those occasions when the much quoted law of averages actually works. You can leave a 15-a-side match wishing you had stayed at home to play draughts or study the fourth dimension; but not a sevens tournament.

Another thing you get is brevity. There are none of the longueurs of the 15-a-side game. Neither the crowd nor the players have time to become bored. The public speaker's guiding principle—stand up, speak up, shut up—might also, loosely translated, be that of the sevens player. For 14 minutes the try stealers kicker to and fro, to and fro. End of one game, beginning of next. A sevens tournament ought to be like a collection of short stories, perhaps by O. Henry: characters standard, plots compact, endings frequently unpredictable.

Unpredictability: there is much more of it in sevens than there is in 15-a-side rugby. In 15-a-side games the better side, or at least the favourites, usually win. Not in sevens. A team can be 20 points down at half-time and still win. And I have seen a Barbarians team containing five internationals beaten by an unpretentious Kelso seven at Melrose.



Barry Boyden, organizer of the Middlesex sevens at Twickenham, where 50,000 people get their money's worth every May.

The margin of error is smaller when there are only 14 players on the pitch. There are not enough men to go round. One mistake may therefore turn a game. In the last minute team A may lose possession of the ball (possession being 10 points of the law, not merely nine, in sevens) and team B pelt away to score the winning try. A famous and tumultuous example of this was the Twickenham final in 1964. London Scottish, on the brink of winning the Middlesex tournament for the fifth consecutive year (which would have been a record), tried to protect their lead by kicking into touch. Loughborough Colleges promptly got the ball at the lineout and broke through to score a try, convert it, and win.

I have said that you get brevity with sevens. And so you do, in individual matches. But conversely, with a whole tournament you get plenty of time for recharging your interest, should it begin to flag after an hour or two. You could say of sevens what Neville Cardus said of cricket: "There are many things about it, apart from the skill and the score. There is ... the leisure to do something else."

There is the leisure to wander away for a drink and a sandwich; the leisure to perambulate the square ring of spectators; the leisure to mull over the past or plan for the future: the leisure even to leave the ground altogether and return later—not perhaps, as Cardus did once during a match at Old Trafford, to get married, but, more innocently, to have a look at town and country. Sevens are played in some pleasant places: which is another recommendation. Not for nothing are they called sports, rather than tournaments, in the Borders (and elsewhere, for all I know).

And now, from sevens in general to sevens in particular. The spring crop is bursting forth and among the teams travelling a long way to play the short game are Richmond and Public School Wanderers. Both go to Melrose on Saturday. Richmond won the Middlesex tournament last season and Melrose should be ideal preparation for the defence of their title at Twickenham on May 3. Wanderers hope to include Hignell and Wordsworth, the Cambridge University half backs, who have just returned from Japan, and Hoyland, the Morley wing. It is Wanderers' first visit to Melrose, though not their first to the Borders.

Wanderers are also playing at Bridgend on May 17, when the other guest sides will be Harlequins and London Irish—both for the first time. London Welsh had to decline an invitation to Bridgend because it coincides with their joint tour of Italy with Llanelli. But Welsh will defend their title in the Old Belvedere sevens in Dublin on April 27 and may be involved in the Irish centenary sevens in Belfast on May 10. Other engagements include Harlequins at US Chatham on April 13, Loughborough Colleges and St Luke's College, Exeter, under Rosslyn Park's floodlights on April 15, Ballymena and Gosforth at Hawick on April 19, and Welsh, Scottish and Saracens at Oxford on April 27.

Orrell, who are competing at Twickenham for the first time next month, beat Gala in the final at Gala last Saturday, when the other guest sides were Metropolitan Police and Gosforth. Gala celebrate their centenary next season and have invited Barbarians, Cardiff and Harlequins to their sevens.

Gordon Allan

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The Annual General Meeting of Commerzbank A.G. will be held at Duesseldorf on 16th May, 1975. Among other proposals before the meeting will be the payment of a dividend for the year ended 31st December, 1974 of DM8.50 for every DM50 nominal amount of share capital held. The new shares issued in connection with the increase in the share capital of December, 1974 are entitled to dividends as from 1st January, 1975.

It is also proposed that the Board of Management shall, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, be authorised at any time until 3rd May, 1979 to increase the share capital of the Company by DM42.5 million nominal (which together with DM57.5 million nominal of current unissued authorised capital makes a total of DM100 million nominal) by the issue of new shares for cash in one or more amounts. Any such issue of new shares need not be by way of a rights issue to shareholders.

Copies of the Company's 1974 Annual Report in German will be available shortly on application to S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd. The report in English is in course of preparation.

The United Kingdom shareholders who wish to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting should by 9th May, 1975 inform S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd., 30, Gresham Street, London, EC2P 2EB, who will make the necessary arrangements on their behalf.

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8th April, 1975.

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Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 15th day of May, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Rambhai Marghabhai Patel of 68 Gloucester Terrace London W2 3HH the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 4th day of April, 1975.

R. M. PATEL, Liquidator.

N.B.—This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

IN the ESTATE of MARIAN JULIA HARRIET BARKER, deceased. Pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925.

All persons having any CLAIMS AGAINST or an interest in the Estate of Marian Julia Harriet Barker of Elmfield, Stoney Hill, Portsmouth Road, Esher, Surrey, who died on the 4th March 1975 are required to send particulars to us the undersigned Solicitors for the Executors John Wells Cole and Nicholas Gulton so as to reach us on or before the 10th June 1975 after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the said Estate amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard to the claims and interest of which they have had notice and will not, as respects the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have had notice.

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Contributories on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

No. 08001831 of 1974

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of R. W. TURNER & CO. (LEEDS) Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

By order of the High Court of Justice dated the 19th day of November, 1974 I ROBERT WHEATON HELLYER of Tower House, Merrion Way, Leeds, LS2 8HU have been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above named Company WITH a COMMITTEE of INSPECTION.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1975.

R. W. HELLYER, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 00988 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of FORVENT Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 26th day of March 1975 presented to the said Court by Rapp Metals Limited whose Registered Office is situate at Midland Works, Coneygre Road, Tipton Staffs. DY4 8XQ, Creditors. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 21st day of April, 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

SAMUEL TONKIN & CO., 3, Berners Street, London W1P 4AD. Solicitors for the Petitioning Creditors.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 18th day of April 1975.

In the Matter of FIELDING DISPLAY AND MODELS Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 2nd day of May, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Christopher Morris of Touche Ross & Co., 3 London Wall Buildings, London, E.C.2 the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 1975.

C. MORRIS, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SILVER SCREEN PRODUCTIONS Limited. Nature of Business: Film makers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th February, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 22nd April, 1975, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP, at 11.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES. On the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of GIRAFFE TOURS (LONDON) Limited. Nature of Business: Travel Agents and Tour Operators.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th February, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 22nd April, 1975, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP, at 4.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES. On the same day and at the same place at 4.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1967 H & R INCENTIVES Limited

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of The Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at 13 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8JL on Friday, the 25th day of April, 1975, at 12 o'clock midday for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 1975.

By Order of the Board.
BRIAN C. SPINKS, Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 00942 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of ELIZABETHAN PROPERTY GROUP HOLDINGS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948 to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company ELIZABETHAN PROPERTY GROUP HOLDINGS Limited by the High Court of Justice was, on the 24th day of March 1975, presented to the said Court by Balfour Beatty & Co. Limited whose Registered Office is situate at Randolph House, Wellesley Road, Croydon, Surrey. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 21st day of April 1975; and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

BARLOW LYDE & GILBERT, Drake House, 3-5 Dowgate Hill, London EC4R 2SJ. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 18th day of April 1975.

No. 001020 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of ELECTROCHEMICAL DEVELOPMENTS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 2nd day of April 1975 presented to the said Court by The Phosphor Bronze Company Limited whose Registered Office is situate at Temple Manor Works, Rochester, Kent, ME2 2BT, Creditors, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2, on the 28th day of April 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Samuel Tonkin & Co., 3 Berners Street London W1P 4AD Solicitors for the Petitioning Creditor.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 25th day of April 1975.

No. 001021 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE, Chancery Division. Companies Court. In the Matter of W. & G. PARFETT Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 2nd day of April 1975 presented to the said Court by Arthur Sanderson and Sons Limited whose Registered Office is situate at Sanderson House, Berners Street, London W1A 2JE, Creditors, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2, on the 28th day of April 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

SAMUEL TONKIN & CO., 3 Berners Street, London, W1P 4AD. Solicitors for the Petitioning Creditor.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 25th day of April 1975.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of TANVILLE INVESTMENTS Limited. Nature of Business: Investment and Property dealers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th February, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 22nd April, 1975, at Room G.20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES. On the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

AVERMOORE PLASTICS LIMITED

MEETING OF CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of The Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at 32 Brixton Road, London, S.W.9, on Tuesday, 15th April, 1975, at 11.30 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated 21st March, 1975.

By Order of the Board.
J. D. LEWIS, Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS PASTORAL MEASURE 1968

Notice is hereby given by the Church Commissioners that they have prepared a DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME to implement proposals sent to them by the Bishop of Norwich for uniting the benefices and parishes of Heigham, St Barnabas and the benefice of Heigham, St Bartholomew to create a new benefice and parish, and for making a declaration of redundancy in respect of the parish church of the parish of Heigham, St Bartholomew.

A copy of the draft scheme may be inspected at the church porches of the parishes of St Barnabas, Heigham, and Heigham, St Bartholomew.

A copy may also be obtained or inspected during normal office hours upon application to the Church Commissioners' office.

Any REPRESENTATION with respect to the draft scheme should be made in writing to the Church Commissioners and should reach their offices not later than 14 April 1975.

K. S. RYLE, Secretary.

1 Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ. Date 7 March, 1975.

THE LEPROSY MISSION

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS will be held at 50 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG, on Tuesday, May 6th at 3 p.m., to receive the Annual Report and audited abstracts of Accounts of the year ended December 31st 1974, to elect office-bearers and appoint a Council, and to transact any other business as circumstances require.

The ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING of THE LEPROSY MISSION will be held on Tuesday, May 6th 1975 at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Elephant and Castle, London S.E., at 6.30 p.m.

The audited abstract of Accounts is available for inspection by Members of the Society at the Headquarters of The Leprosy Mission, 50 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG.

A. D. ASKEW, International General Secretary.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity of Sir John Morden, Blackheath.

Scheme conferring power to charge contributions.

Ref: 215551-A12.

The Charity Commissioners have made an Order ESTABLISHING A SCHEME for this and other purposes. Copies can be obtained by written request to the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, London, S.W.1 (quoting ref. no. 215551-A12) and may also be seen at that address.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity—The Bequest of the Reverend G. H. Long, deceased. Scheme varying provisions of Will. Ref: 151250-L1.

The Charity Commissioners have made an Order ESTABLISHING A SCHEME for this and other purposes. Copies can be obtained by written request to the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, London, S.W.1 (quoting ref. no. 151250-L1) and may also be seen at that address.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS PASTORAL MEASURE 1968

Notice is hereby given by the Church Commissioners that they have prepared a DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME to implement proposals sent to them by the Bishop of London for uniting:—

(a) the benefices and parishes of St Mary, Islington: and St James-the-Apostle with St Philip, Islington:

(b) the benefices and parishes of St Andrew with St Thomas and St Matthias, Barnsbury; and Holy Trinity, Islington;

(c) the benefices of St Silas, Penton Street; St James, Pentonville; and All Saints, Islington; and the parishes of St Silas with All Saints, Penton Street (being the parish which comprises the area of the benefice of St Silas, Penton Street) St James, Pentonville, and All Saints, Islington;

for making declarations of redundancy in respect of the parish churches of the parishes of:—

St James-the-Apostle with St Philip, Islington; St James, Pentonville; and All Saints, Islington;

and for altering the areas of the parishes of:

St Andrew with St Thomas and St Matthias, Barnsbury; St Clement, Barnsbury; St Mark, Clerkenwell; All Saints, Islington; St Michael, Islington; St Silas with All Saints, Penton Street; St James, Pentonville; and St Luke, West Holloway.

A copy of the draft pastoral Scheme and map annexed thereto may be inspected at the churches of:

(i) St Mary, Islington, Upper Street
(ii) St James-the-Apostle, Islington, Prebend Street
(iii) St Andrew, Barnsbury, Thornhill Crescent
(iv) Holy Trinity, Islington, Cloudesley Square
(v) St Silas, Penton Street
(vi) St James, Pentonville Road
(vii) All Saints, Islington, Caledonian Road
(viii) St Clement, Barnsbury (the Church Room)
(ix) St Mark, Clerkenwell, Middleton Square
(x) St Michael, Bingfield Street, Islington
(xi) St Luke, West Holloway, Penn Road: and at St Mary's Vicarage, Upper Street, Islington N1

A copy may also be obtained or inspected during normal office hours upon application to the Church Commissioners' office.

Any REPRESENTATIONS with respect to the draft Scheme should be made in writing to the Church Commissioners and should reach their offices not later than 12 May, 1975.

K. S. RYLE, Secretary.

1 Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ. Date 4 April, 1975. (PR23/10/PTL)

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THEODORE B. F. RUOFF, Chief Land Registrar.

PIPE-LINES ACT, 1962

Notice of Application for a Pipeline Construction Authorisation

BP TRADING LIMITED AND IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED

BP Trading Limited and Imperial Chemical Industries Limited hereby give notice, in accordance with the provisions of Part I of the First Schedule to the Pipe-lines Act, 1962, that they have made an application to the Secretary of State for Energy for the grant of an authorisation for the construction of a cross-country pipeline for the conveyance of ethylene between the Works of ICI at Wilton, Cleveland and the Works of BP at Grangemouth, Stirling.

A copy of the maps that accompanied the application, on which is delineated the route of the proposed pipeline, can be inspected in Room 1115, Department of Energy, Thames House South, Millbank, London, SW1P 4QJ, at the Scottish Petroleum Office, Pegasus House, 375 West George Street, Glasgow, G2 4LW, at the offices of BP Chemicals International Limited at Bo'ness Road, Grangemouth, Stirlingshire, FK3 9XH and at the offices of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited at Petrochemicals Division Headquarters, P.O. Box 90, Wilton, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, TS6 8JE.

Any objection to the application must be made in writing and addressed to the Department for Energy at Thames House South, [illegible] not later than Wednesday, 14th May 1975 and should bear the reference PET 76/108/50 and state the grounds of objection.

J. E. WEDGBURY, Assistant Secretary, Britannic House, Moor Lane, London, EC2Y [illegible]

V. M. ROBSON, Assistant Secretary, Imperial Chemical House, Millbank, London, SW1P 3JF

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS PASTORAL MEASURE 1968

Notice is hereby given by the Church Commissioners that they have prepared a DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME to implement proposals sent to them by the Bishop of Newcastle for uniting the benefices and parishes of Byker and St. Lawrence, Byker, both in the diocese of Newcastle, and for making a declaration of redundancy in respect of the parish church of the parish of St. Lawrence, Byker.

A copy of the draft scheme may be inspected at the church porch of the church of St. Michael, Byker, and at St. Lawrence's Vicarage, Till Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 6.

A copy may also be obtained or inspected during normal office hours upon application to the Church Commissioners' office.

Any REPRESENTATIONS with respect to the draft Scheme should be made in writing to the Church Commissioners and should reach their offices not later than 15th May, 1975.

K. S. RYLE, Secretary.

1 Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ. Date: 3rd April, 1975.

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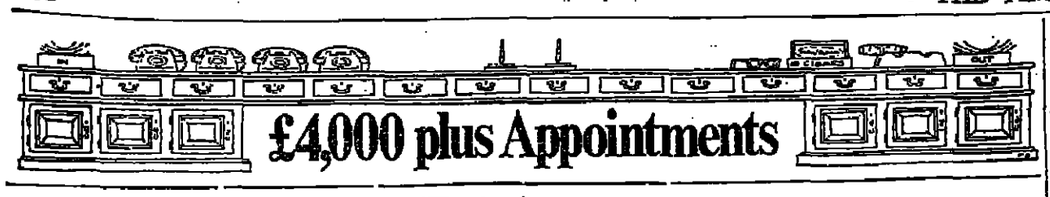
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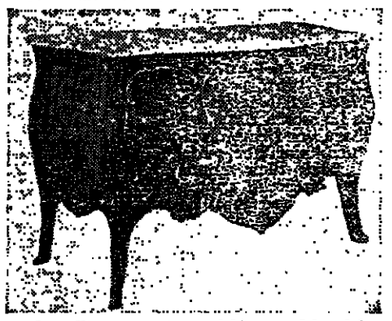
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As the communists advance on Saigon, will President Thieu be forced to capitulate?

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Four weeks ago the South Vietnamese Government controlled large tracts of land and ports and cities along the country's eastern coast for 500 miles to the north. Today one cannot travel more than 45 miles to the north by road or more than 100 miles by air.

In a series of spectacular military victories during the past four weeks, the North Vietnamese army and insurgents have captured 14 major provinces, Da Nang, the country's second largest city, and other strategic ports and cities along the eastern coast. Seven of South Vietnam's best divisions have been badly smashed up and vast quantities of American military equipment and ammunition captured.

During the fighting an estimated two million refugees were uprooted. Only a fraction of seven million South Vietnamese who were living in the northern provinces escaped to the south before the territory was occupied in a number of lightning military strikes last month. But whatever their fate may be, at least for them the war is over.

The cataclysmic change in South Vietnam was touched off on March 10 when a Montagnard and local Vietcong force infiltrated the town of Ban Me Thuot, the provincial capital of Darlac province adjoining the border of Cambodia.

General Giap, the brilliant communist military strategist who defeated the French at Dien Bien Phu, had chosen his target well. Ban Me Thuot lies in the vast rain forests which cover infiltration trails to Laos and Cambodia. The area is also inhabited largely by Vietnam's minority community of Montagnard tribals who feel they have been oppressed under the present regime.

There was little resistance in the town, and South Vietnam's 23rd Division based in Pleiku, which was ordered to retake Ban Me Thuot, was engaged by a North Vietnamese force on the road between the two towns and broke up in disorder.

The loss of Ban Me Thuot was not disastrous in itself, but on March 13 the deluge began when President Nguyen Van Thieu ordered his troops to abandon all provinces in the Central Highlands including Pleiku and Kontum.

Apart from encircled provincial capital towns of Pleiku and Kontum and a number of isolated outposts, the communists were already in control of the countryside in the Highlands and President Thieu most probably decided that it was not worth retaining small enclaves in the north at a heavy loss.

It is clear now that President Thieu must have decided that if he was forced to abandon untenable enclaves in the north he would attempt to retain a defence perimeter north of Nha Trang, a port 270 miles northeast of Saigon.

On March 16 panic-stricken people in the city of Pleiku watched the headquarters of Military Region Two, responsible for the defence of the Highlands in the centre of South Vietnam, move out of the city to establish a new command in Nha Trang.

A huge column of refugees began to make their way down Highway Seven from Pleiku towards the coastal port of Tuy Hoa.

Essentially one can attribute the communists' spectacular victory to psychological factors rather than military strategy.



A South Vietnamese Ranger finds time to feed a child.

The army's morale had already been lowered by the news that the American Congress had vetoed further military aid to South Vietnam, and as the reports of the withdrawal from Pleiku and Kontum spread, troops farther to the north heard rumours of a contingency plan to evacuate Hue. And in Quang Tri province north of Hue the Airborne Division was ordered to fly south to reinforce Saigon itself.

North Vietnamese troops crossed the only effective ceasefire line South Vietnam has had since the Paris Agreement was signed by coming over the Thach Han river in northern Quang Tri province on March 20. The elite 1st Division and marines, who were charged with the defence of Hue and the province of Quang Tri with its newly settled millions of refugees from the 1972 offensive, retreated southwards in disarray towards Da Nang.

Apparently aware that President Thieu planned a strategic withdrawal, North Vietnamese troops supported by armoured units occupied the provincial capital of Quang Tri on March 20 without encountering any resistance. South Vietnam's 1st Division and the elite marines who have defended the besieged city of Quang Tri since 1972 retreated southwards in disarray toward Hue and Da Nang.

As the infection of defeat spread, North Vietnamese infantry divisions closed in Hue and Da Nang during the last week of March. Only a small number of the 500,000 refugees who flocked into Da Nang were rescued by boat before the communists took over South Vietnam's second largest city (normal population 475,800).

The rout continued southwards and by the beginning of last week or 21 days after General Giap launched his offensive at Ban Me Thuot, North Vietnamese and the provisional revolutionary army had occupied the provinces of Quang Tin, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Phu Bon, Darlac and Khanh Hoa, or all territory stretching 400 miles south below the demilitarized zone to Cam Ranh Bay.

The political and military repercussions of the regime's humiliating defeat in the northern provinces are alarming. Entire units from seven divisions (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 22nd, 23rd and marine divisions and units of Rangers) were either badly mauled, captured, or were forced to retreat without their heavy equipment. American officials estimate that billions of dollars of ammunition, weapons and equipment, including helicopters and aircraft, were abandoned and captured by the North Vietnamese.

Essentially then Saigon and the Delta can rely only on seven divisions for its defence. At present the 5th division is deployed north of Saigon, the 25th north-west, and the 18th division is operating east of the capital. South Vietnam's 7th, 9th and 21st divisions are deployed in the Mekong Delta, the fertile rice-producing area south of Saigon.

In contrast, the North Vietnamese already have eight divisions and some additional Vietcong units deployed around Saigon and in the Mekong Delta.

It is obvious that if the North Vietnamese can move their heavy 130mm guns within 26 kilometres of the city, Saigon is in trouble.

The provisional revolutionary government has made it abundantly clear that it will only negotiate a peace settlement if President Thieu steps down and hands over power to a more acceptable group of politicians.

By all available evidence, President Thieu is certainly not thinking of stepping out of office in the immediate future. The recent changes in the Cabinet, for instance, indicate that South Vietnam's President intends to fight on.

Many diplomats fear that if he attempts to battle on for what is now considered a lost cause, the communists might pump a few shells or rockets into Saigon in the hope that the ensuing panic would force President Thieu to capitulate.

Peter Hazelhurst

A quick change in apartheid may soon face Mr Vorster

Everyone in South Africa is convinced that Prime Minister John Vorster is genuine in his desire to achieve détente. They know that his aim is to ensure the future of the four million Europeans in South Africa. But the best informed whites also believe that he is making a grave mistake in not according meaningful concessions to the blacks *now*. In their view Mr Vorster overestimates the power of his right wing critics, and he underestimates the bitterness of the blacks, especially that of the young, educated Africans.

John Vorster has not made a single mistake in his efforts to engage the leaders of the black African countries to the north in a dialogue, with the intention of providing aid and know-how for their economies. With the exception of Nigeria and possibly Zaire, all the independent African countries are in economic and financial straits, and need South Africa's help. But most of them say—as President Nyerere says—"Why doesn't Vorster begin by giving the Africans in his own country a more decent deal? Why does he not treat them as human beings?"

The main reason for his delay in making these concessions is his fear of creating a breach in his own ranks.

But in the present political alignment of the African Continent, Mr Vorster either succeeds in dismantling apartheid, or the day will come when the 20 million blacks will come to power and wreak vengeance. This can be averted—provided Vorster acts firmly and urgently. Were he to let it be *known that he wants a change* of atmosphere, and that academics, professional men, writers, could speak their minds without being harassed by the police (or losing their jobs) he would be surprised by the large support he would receive from members of his own party, not to mention a large proportion of United Party supporters.

To achieve this change in atmosphere, he would have to tip a wink to the Afrikaaner press, and the editors of *Die Burger*, the *Transvaaler*, *Report*, *Die Beeld*, perhaps even *Die Faderland* would come out with articles that would at long last teach the facts of life to those whites who still keep their heads in the sand.

Most important of all, Mr Vorster could use the *Broderbond*, to which he has belonged since his youth and which supported Hitler during the Second World War. Its members—like Mr Vorster himself—have learnt many lessons since then, and are aware that unless they come to some agreement with the blacks their future is in grave danger.

If an order goes out from the *Broderbond* leaders, it is carried out—discipline (like secrecy) is still absolute. Mr Vorster, if he chose, could use the *Broderbond* to further his policy of dismantling apartheid. His word would be sufficiently decisive to shut up the *verkramptes* whose mentality is not open to persuasion.

As for the black Africans, their bitterness and cynicism cannot be sufficiently stressed. They do not believe that any good can come to them from Europeans; they have been driven to the conviction that only by force can they improve their lot.

In the course of 1974, on an average 250 to 300 young educated Africans disappeared from South Africa. In absolute figures this is not impressive, but in view of the limited number of black university graduates or highly trained technicians, it is a considerable one. They slip into Botswana and from there on to Zambia, Tanzania, or other countries.

Talking to Africans, it is easy to find out what they want. They are not interested in the vote; but they want to keep their families together—to be rid of the iniquitous law according to which any African in a town who has been unemployed for two months must be sentenced and deported to his or her homeland or a tribal area.

The second wish is that their children should obtain a proper education—not an education in the vernacular by inadequate teachers, with hardly any possibility for higher education. Third, they long for their children to become eligible for jobs according to their qualifications and on merit, instead of being barred from most, and being pushed down to the bottom of the queue in the few remaining ones.

It would not be fair to say that no improvements have been made; Africans are being admitted to some positions hitherto barred to them. In the near future two films will be shot in South Africa (one by Carlo Ponti) in which Africans will play star roles. Newspapers carry news daily of some liberalization. But none of these are fundamental changes.

Perhaps the most important one is that at long last the black pastors of the Dutch Reformed Church have screwed up courage to tell their bishops of the thinking and feeling of the black congregations. The first reaction was shock—the second "Why was I not told before?" And the third, discussions between the white bishops and the black pastors, which are now going on.

It seems hardly credible that the heads of South African Security and police should be unaware of the bitterness—not to say despair—of the blacks, and that they should have failed to inform the Prime Minister. But his tardiness in doing something to show the Africans that he really intends to ensure them a better life, creates the impression that he cannot be fully informed. It is the belief of whites in the know, those who care most deeply for the future of their own kind, that the outside world could help by demanding these concessions not in order to humiliate South Africa, but in order to help Mr Vorster in his immensely difficult task of bringing about a détente. This détente alone can secure a better future for the whole of Southern Africa—instead of the violence and bloodshed which would otherwise be bound to come. For did not Mr Vorster himself say that the alternative to détente is too terrible to contemplate?

Judith Listowel

Why the Commonwealth wants Britain to stay in the EEC

The Convention of Lomé signed on February 28 by the nine member states of the European Community, 21 Commonwealth countries, 19 French-speaking Associated African countries and six African countries with different backgrounds, and open for signature subsequently by other developing countries, is remarkable for three principal reasons.

First, for the economic benefits it promises to the developing countries concerned. All their manufacturing products, and over 90 per cent of their agricultural exports, the remainder being subject to preferential schemes, are to have completely free access to the world's largest trading area, and assistance is to be provided for the countries concerned to exploit this huge market. The Convention includes provision for industrial cooperation agreements which will ensure access to the Community's technology. There is to be a large European Development Fund, of which 80 per cent is to be in the form of grants.

Secondly, the character of some of its elements, for example the inclusion of a scheme to stabilize export earnings in certain products, and the degree to which the Community, led by the Commission, listened and acceded to the requests of the developing states concerned, constitute, as has been widely recognized, a model of what could be done in the future on a larger scale between developed and developing countries, and between producers *and consumers of raw* materials.

Thirdly, being an agreement at Community level, it has the psychological advantage of transforming a Commonwealth relationship, which was the continuation of a colonial model, with a central power radiating outwards to ward dependent powers into a much-more balanced relationship between continents, and between groups of powers, and one which therefore offers the possibility of maintaining traditional, and indeed inescapable, cultural links within a new and healthier political framework.

In quantity and kind, therefore, the Lomé Convention is superior to any link with the Commonwealth which the United Kingdom on its own could preserve for the future. The opportunity for the Commonwealth countries concerned to construct the Convention in cooperation with their African partners and in negotiation with the Commission, was provided by the entry of the United Kingdom into the Community.

If Britain leaves the Community, either Britain will lose a function with respect to these countries, because they will gain more from their links with the Community than they will from a Britain which is outside the Community, or if the Community denies them this opportunity, Britain will be responsible for a major relapse in their prospects. In both cases the value of the link with Britain for those countries will have been severely damaged.

It is sometimes complained that the Community confines its assistance to those developing countries with which it has Association agreements. This complaint is not well founded. The Commission has estimated that in 1974 the proportion of the Community's aid to developing countries which went to those with whom the Community was not associated was around 40 per cent, having risen from a proportion of 13 per cent in 1970.

Principally, this was due to the Community's massive food aid programme. This programme is drawn up to fit appeals made to the Commission and falls far short of what is requested. If it is suspected that this programme is simply a way of getting rid of unwanted surpluses, produced by an inefficient agricultural system, then representatives of the governments of, for example, any Sahel country, or if Somalia, or India, or Bangladesh, should be asked for their opinion.

It is currently planned that India and Bangladesh should receive between them almost half of the total quantity of 1,121,000 metric tons already allocated for 1975. In addition to the food aid programme the Community by the end of June will have given $500m to those countries most seriously affected by the rise in price of oil and other raw materials. In addition to that, the Community operates a very extensive, and an annually expanding scheme of generalized preferences for the benefit of developing countries. One which, since enlargement, has taken account by means of the products on which preferences are granted of pledges made under the Joint Declaration of Intent attached to the Accession Treaty, to the five, now six, countries of Commonwealth Asia.

In all these respects the advantages for developing countries are substantially in excess of what they could have expected from the present member states of the Community, including Britain, taken together, if the latter had not acted as a Community.

In view of this, it is not surprising that the Prime Minister was able to say in his statement to the Commons that Commonwealth countries, both developed and developing, had expressed the hope that Britain will remain in the EEC.

What is however astonishing is to see that Mrs Hart joined those Ministers recommending that the United Kingdom should leave the Community. For she is now in the position of making a recommendation directly contrary to the interest of developing countries, and above all to those developing countries for whom we traditionally consider ourselves to have some responsibility, namely those of the Commonwealth, while at the same time continuing to occupy a job, the office of Minister for Overseas Development, which by its very existence represents British claims to advance those countries' interests.

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Making the people pay on strictly party lines

People at Clay Cross who defy the law relating to charges for housing have been warned by the Environment Secretary, Mr Crosland, that such behaviour cannot be tolerated, and that payment in full will be enforced.

As Mr Maurice Wiggin once memorably said, if you want to go back and read that sentence again, please do; I'll wait here. Those who assume that there must be a catch in it are, alas, right. The people who have been warned that they must meet their legal obligations are not the ones on whose behalf the Attorney-General, Mr Sam Silkin, spoke so eloquently in the debate on the Second Reading of the Of Course an *Attorney-General is Supposed to* Uphold the Law (Unless Re-Writing it Retrospectively seems to him More Advantageous) Bill. Those were the defaulting Councillors of the area, who are having the law conveniently bent into a U-turn for them by Mr Crosland and Mr Silkin; the citizens who are being threatened by the former (and who may yet, the piquancy of life being what it is, find themselves being prosecuted by the latter) are those who are considering a refusal to pay that part of their rates which is to go towards making up the deficit incurred by the pals of Messrs Crosland and Silkin.

Let me, last my indulgence in irony and other elegant variations should mislead you, put it in unadorned terms. It is proposed to mulct, in extra charges, innocent and law-abiding citizens who have met all their legal obligations in the matter of rents and rates, in order to make good a deficit that has arisen from the wilful refusal to obey the law indulged in by 11 local councillors; the 11 law-breakers have not paid, do not intend paying, and are not to be compelled to pay, so much as a penny of the £120,000 they owe; some of the law-abiding citizens from whom money is being demanded to cover the lost revenue have objected; and one of the two ministers chiefly responsible for fiddling the law retrospectively so that the law-breakers go scot free (both financially and as regards the disqualification from office imposed upon them) has had the impudence to insist that the objectors must obey the law in this matter, and that the withholding by them of that portion of their rates that is to go towards paying the law-breakers' bill cannot be condoned.

It is frequently said that if our leaders—political, business, pedagogical, religious—do not set an example of probity, and respect for law and morality, they should not be surprised, and have no right to complain, if general standards in these important matters tend to decline. But what is happening today is something much worse than that. For Mr Crosland does not falsify his income-tax returns, and would not dream of doing so; Mr Silkin would never pocket a halfpenny that did not clearly belong to him; Mr Foot does not make free with other men's wives; Lady Castle never cheats at cards; Mr Len Murray does not drink himself insensible; even Mr Short has done nothing more questionable than accept £250 from Mr T. Dan Smith on condition that the transaction would be kept secret. Yet all these people are conspiring to do something that is far worse, and potentially far more terrible in its consequences, than would be the most disgraceful personal behaviour on their part. They are all, in one way or another, conspiring to damage the fabric of the law itself, and with a motive far worse than personal gain: to wit, party-political advantage.

Again and again, those who break the law, or refuse to carry out obligations imposed on them under it, or fail to do what they have contractually agreed to do, find their behaviour being not merely condoned and defended, but publicly praised and actively encouraged, by ministers and trades union leaders whose most important duty it is to represent and uphold those principles of law by which societies like ours live, and without which they will assuredly die. I am not talking of the Labour fellow-travellers and those who seek Britain's collapse because they think it will lead to the achievement of their own political ambitions: these, indeed, do not wish to maintain the fabric of our society, but nobody could imagine that men like Mr Crosland and Mr Silkin belong in such a category, and even Mr Foot, though his conduct now suggests that he ceased some time ago to care much about freedom, obviously does not want any such consequences. Yet it is from Messrs Crosland, Silkin and Short that there has come a guarantee of retrospective indemnity for municipal law-breaking if it is done in furtherance of a Labour Party campaign; from Mr Murray has come tireless assistance for the campaign to promote the Shrewsbury criminals as heroes; from Lady Castle has come the gleeful acceptance of the gang-law methods by which private medicine is being destroyed, in breach of her own promises; from all of them came encouragement for those who refused to obey the Industrial Relations Act; in short, from all of them has persistently come support for the belief that only laws which are part of Labour Party policy need be obeyed.

"And when every law in England is down, and the Devil turns round and grins at you, where will you hide then?" That is the question Mr Robert Bolt's Thomas More asks, and I ask it now of Mr Crosland. Certain law-abiding ratepayers are being required to pay for the political defaulting of those councillors on whose behalf Mr Crosland is even now engaged in changing the law retrospectively; if they persist in their refusal (and I certainly do not urge them to or wish them to), how will he justify any action taken to compel them to pay? By saying "It is the law"? But it was the law for the Clay Cross Councillors, and they were incited to continue breaking it by a guarantee of retrospective immunity from penalty if they did so, which immunity is now being given to them; why should not the mulcted ratepayers defy the law and demand that they, too, should be indemnified? Who but Messrs Crosland, Silkin and Short established the principle that defiance of the law was permissible and would not be followed by penalties? If it comes to that, why should not the hospital consultants, instead of "working to rule", simply abandon their contractual duties and argue that Lady Castle has been happy to abet precisely such grossly improper behaviour on the part of those who have abandoned theirs in furtherance of their campaign to drive private practice out of National Health Service hospitals. Why should not a group of employers conspire to organize violent assaults on striking workers, and, when imprisoned for such action, then demand that Mr Foot shall plead their cause in Cabinet and Mr Murray outside it?

The answers to those questions are simple; those Labour leaders who have incited and encouraged breaches of the law have done so on strictly party lines; nobody breaking or defying the law in furtherance of aims not approved by the Labour Party or one of its factions could expect such sympathy. Very well, I shall ask a less simple question. The Conservative Party is opposed to the Capital Transfer Tax, and has promised to repeal it on return to office. What would Mr Crosland, Mr Silkin, Lady Castle, Mr Short, Mr Foot and Mr Wilson say if Mrs Thatcher, Mr Carr, Sir Keith Joseph, Sir Peter Rawlinson and Mr Ian Gilmour now urged those subject to it to break it, to refuse information required under it or to give false information, to use violence and intimidation in furtherance of their defiance, and to expect a retrospective indemnity against any penalties incurred from such action? I think that Mr Crosland, Mr Silkin, Lady Castle, Mr Short, Mr Foot and Mr Wilson would be seriously disturbed. But would they have any serious moral right to be?

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The Times Diary

Down to earth in rustic Brixton

Last month I forecast that I would shortly be able to announce the success of my year-long quest for an allotment, and today I do so. The Thames Water Authority have leased me, for 35p a year, a 45ft by 25ft plot alongside the Brixton waterworks, and last weekend, in a moving ceremony, I turned the first overgrown sod.

Bearing in mind that it is in Brixton the setting is remarkably rustic. It is a few yards from Brixton Windmill, recently restored and one of London's least known and most interesting sights (open normal hours every day, including Sunday).

The windmill dominates the site pleasingly, offsetting the grim walls of Brixton Prison, an equal distance in the opposite direction. Should I worry about train robbers burrowing up under the parsnips?

Before I took possession, the authority made me sign a forbidding document, which tells me what I may and may not do. I may not grow vegetables for sale, or hire people to do the rough work for me. The occupier may only "properly cultivate the same by spade husbandry and by the labour of himself and the members of his family", which I suppose rules out any possibility of getting a combine harvester on the site.

I am also contracted to keep the plot free from weeds and not to display any advertisements on it. (Since it is overlooked only by the prison windows, there would not be much worth advertising, save perhaps hacksaw blades.)

The plot has clearly not been worked for years, and is overgrown with grass and tall weeds. It contains several mysterious mounds, which might be prehistoric burial sites but which are more probably earthed-up, rusty wheelbarrows.

Before taking it over, I had heard rumours of hostility among old allotment holders to the incursion of the middle classes. A friend reported that a friend of his had just taken one over in Fulham Palace, and had been greeted frostily by tenants of long standing.

Yet this does not seem to be the case in Brixton. The holder of the neighbouring allotment was welcoming, though he did tell me a pointed story about a young couple who had taken one of the allotments near by, gone at it enthusiastically for six weeks, then given it up.

He said it was about ten years since my allotment had been worked, though the previous occupant, who suffered from overweight, had put a thick layer of soot on it before deciding that the work was too much for him. Therefore it should be fertile ground.

Like everyone I spoke to, he warned me that it was harder work than I thought it was, but healthy. "You won't get heart attacks, though you might get a bit of angina."

My neighbour's own allotment sets a standard at which I must aim. He does it simply for a hobby—living alone he has little use for the produce and gives most of it away.

Between showers, I put in about four hours' work on ground that experts would have said was too wet for it. But when you have only two days a week available, you cannot afford the niceties.

I plan to reclaim the plot gradually, starting with a row of sugar peas by the fence at the bottom, then some lettuce. If I get half of it under cultivation by the summer I shall be pleased. Thus there is no chance of self-sufficiency this year, so I should be grateful if the powers-that-be would delay the holocaust a bit. I shall keep you posted—indeed, I fear you will be unable to stop me.

Crowd pleaser

On Sunday evening I took off my gumboots and went to a Poetry Prom at Broadcasting House. The BBC is clearly an organization which holds no grudges. Since I have devoted much space in this column in recent weeks to justified criticism of the corporation for grave misdeeds, I was touched when they invited me to see Sir John Betjeman, Jill Balcon and Gary Watson read a selection of poems about animals.

Arriving too late to claim my reserved seat in the stalls, I climbed to the gallery with the rest of the late arrivals. There, standing at the back and peering hard, I could just glimpse the heads of Sir John and Miss Balcon, though Watson was largely invisible. Yet this did not spoil the enjoyment of the rumbustious occasion.

Sir John, acting as link man, was in crowd-pleasing form, though I gather he had shown signs of tetchiness earlier, when he refused to be photographed holding a teddy bear.

He often praised the audience for their attendance in such large numbers, and for their generous appreciation of the entertainment. The audience—including elderly *literati*, schoolchildren and young lovers holding hands—enjoyed it all enormously and were pleased when the entertainment over-ran by 15 minutes. It will be broadcast on May 21.

Fishy

In sunny Soviet Georgia, enterprising private entrepreneurs are constantly matching wits with the law. When the present strict party secretary, Edward Chevarnadze, was installed three years ago, some laughed at his clean-up campaign. But not now.

The other day railway inspectors in Sukhumi, on the Black Sea Riviera, pried open a sealed freight car loaded for Moscow with cases labelled "mackerel in tomato sauce". When they examined a case, out rolled fresh tangerines.

The entire shipment consisted of tangerines, four tons all told. Ownership was traced to an Armenian named Emeksuzian, who worked as chief despatcher for the local fish cannery. He had taken the job as convenient cover for his fruit operations, following his dismissal as chairman of a citrus collective farm.

Before discovery, Emeksuzian had managed to despatch several shipments thus camouflaged to the big cities up north, where they were sold at three and four times the cost price by accomplices, who also worked as receivers and distributors of tinned fish. Emeksuzian was given five years in a rigorous corrective labour colony, and the fish cannery director was fired on suspicion of getting a squeeze from the tangerines.

Rubbish

One side of the reference room of Streatham public library has been filled with *A Load of Rubbish*—an exhibition by Camden Friends of the Earth about packaging, waste and the scarcity of resources.

"I was looking to see if they said what to do with it all—though they might have some suggestions", muttered one woman, as she read that she spent over £100 a year on empty packages, that Britain produced 20 million tons of solid waste a year, that 700 trees were required for one day's edition of the *Daily Mirror*, and that the expected garbage dump life of a plastic milk bottle was two million years.



She wearied of such facts before reaching panel seven, where the Friends of the Earth suggested, among many other things, that she make her own jam, curds, yoghourt and compost heap, and that she should buy a glass cutter and make vases, ashtrays and tumblers out of old bottles. They also wanted her to use both sides of scrap paper, and to pack her parcels in other people's wrapping paper (ironing it first).

Flying higher

The Rolls-Royce mascot, the famous flying lady, has become a lot more expensive lately. The old model had a recommended retail price of £26.94, to which the Price Commission allowed only a six per cent increase. Now Rolls-Royce have changed the specification—and the ladies are £42 plus VAT, which is more than a 50 per cent increase on the old price.

Rolls-Royce say that the old ladies were too likely to be stolen. For safety reasons the mascots have to be retractable, and thieves and souvenir hunters—a constant menace to Rolls-Royce owners—had discovered a weakness in the link age. The new, expensive mascots will be less yielding to abduction, though identical in appearance.

According to the Egyptian Gazette, *Denis Healey attributes inflation in Britain mainly to "souring wages".*

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EUROWEEK IN THE COMMONS

In one respect at least the Prime Minister set the tone for the three-day debate on the fruits of renegotiation when he opened it yesterday. His extended plea that the Government had faithfully fulfilled the marching orders it had given itself (or which the party had given it) in last year's election manifestos was addressed primarily to members of his own party, not to the Opposition or to the country. Since the most solid objection to the Government's course of policy comes from within the governing party, the chief political interest in the debate is how it tests the strength and exposes the roots of that objection.

The size of the parliamentary majority approving the Government's recommendation that the negotiations be endorsed is of some significance (the fact of a majority on Wednesday night is not in doubt). It will be of influence in forming the mind of the electorate for the referendum, and it will affect the later behaviour of the Commons should the people, through the referendum, reject its advice. But of no less significance is exactly how the Parliamentary Labour Party splits in that division. Mr. Wilson and those who look for an affirmative outcome are in a majority in the Cabinet, they are in a minority in the national executive committee of the party, and they are expected to be in a minority in the block voting at the special party conference. If they cannot muster a majority in the PLP, there will be no power point in the organization of the Labour movement, apart from the Cabinet, where their mind prevails. They will be treading near the quagmire which swallowed MacDonald.

No sooner done with that debate than on to the second reading of the Referendum Bill on Thursday. Ideally (which is to say improbably) all parties in the Commons, having recorded their opinions on the principle of the measure, should then act constructively to improve it in committee. The Government has made a useful gesture in that direction by letting it be known it will take the Whips off on its side when an amendment is considered which would substitute for the Earls Court count one taken by counties (counties and metropolitan boroughs would be better).

This is one change in the Bill that certainly ought to be made. The sole argument for a national count is one of principle: that there is only one constituency in this voting exercise and that is the United Kingdom; there should therefore be only one declaration. That is a consideration of much force, but it does not over-ride the practical objections to the proposal. In the first place, what is presumably the main political motive for it—concealment of probable national divergences within the kingdom—would not be answered. Unofficial polls of one sort and another would supply that information and would gain sufficient credence to do what ever damage is feared.

A count by counties is closer to the normal thing and therefore likely to be less suspect. It does not run the risk of setting MPs visibly at odds with constituency majorities. It rules out the possibility of a truly monumental debacle at Earls Court (Scrutineers Buried Under Ballot Papers; NUR Blacks Boxes; . . .). And it should be cheaper. The president of the society which can speak for returning officers explained in a letter to *The Times* on Monday why it would be necessary in a national count to do the preliminary check locally, that is checking the number of ballot papers in each box against the record of the number issued. The reasons he gave are conclusive. But that would mean paying two sets of people to count the votes when it is already estimated that the whole referendum with only one set will cost some £9 million.

Parliament should also press the Government hard on the question of who shall be eligible to vote. The Bill as drafted adopts the normal franchise for parliamentary elections. That excludes two large categories of people: registered voters who are away on holiday at the time of the poll; and United Kingdom citizens who are not on the electoral register because they do not qualify by residence. So the present arrangements admit the paradox that Irish citizens resident here who may have voted in their own referendum three years ago can now have a go in ours, while United Kingdom citizens who live abroad cannot. Yet some of the latter, those for instance who live elsewhere within the Community, have an exceptionally strong interest in the outcome.

The argument that relaxations would create a precedent of dubious wisdom for future general elections is simply not available to Ministers. They have insisted throughout that this referendum creates no precedent since the circumstances in which it is held are unique. They have, however, the argument, which must be fairly considered by Parliament, that such enlargement of the franchise is not practicable at this late stage.

The impracticability is not self-evident. Extension of absent voting to those away on holiday, of which there may be as many as two million in mid-June, would certainly mean more work, but it would be work of a kind already done. As for residents abroad, is there an insurmountable difficulty in permitting them to present their passports, declare their status, and register at their nearest consulate or embassy by, say, polling day minus twenty-one; and then voting there on the day, the votes being counted on the spot and the totals cabled to London?

THE IBERIAN DOMINO THEORY

The Iberian domino theory is causing concern in Spain as well as in Washington and other Western capitals. If Portugal develops a form of left-wing government closely linked with Moscow could Spain, with her long and open frontier resist the infection? The short answer is that developments in the two countries are bound to influence each other but they are not bound to be identical. Problems and traditions are different in each side of the frontier, and in any case it is still too early to say whether the Portuguese experiment will be successful enough to attract emulation or whether it will provide an awful warning which stiffens resistance to the left in Spain.

For the moment it is important to recognize that the origins of the Armed Forces Movement in Portugal are unique to that country. They lie back in the long and futile colonial wars which not only bled the economy but demoralized the army and infected it with the ideas of its opponents. Army officers took instruction in the writings of Marx, Mao Tse-tung, Che Guevara and Franz Fanon in order to understand the thinking of the African liberation movement. Some of them, instead of being put off, were attracted, and they are now busy applying their ideas to Portugal itself.

The result is a curious hybrid combining military dictatorship with socialist revolution. Although the clear and stated aim of the MFA is to put the country "irreversibly on the road to *Portuguese socialism*" there is still some fluidity in the situation, some limited scope for democratic activity, and some opening for outside influence. The officers are still learning and experimenting, and in their search for a Portuguese brand of socialism they put as much emphasis on "Portuguese" as on "socialism".

For Spain as well as for Nato this still malleable stage is important. The most dangerous temptation is to exert pressures that will face the Portuguese leaders with a clear choice between Moscow and Washington. At the moment, like many nationalist regimes, they are maintaining a certain degree of balance, reassuring Nato of their loyalty while responding to overtures from the Soviet Union, which now has a very active embassy in Lisbon and is developing trade and aid and capitalizing on the years of support for the Portuguese Communist Party.

The United States, in contrast, is having a difficult time. It is inhibited from helping democratic forces by fears of being accused of interference. Suspicion of its intentions is greatly heightened by memories of its attempts to destabilize the Allende government in Chile and by its close association with General Spinola, who met President Nixon last summer. The American Ambassador in Lisbon, Mr Carlucci, is accused of being an agent of the CIA, and every time Dr Kissinger or some other American official expresses concern about what is happening in Portugal it is taken as a sign that a working relationship with Washington will be impossible.

This situation will require extremely sensitive handling. It is unlikely to be helped by nervous attempts to build up Spain as a bulwark. Change is bound to come in Spain, probably sooner rather than later. It will not take the same form as in Portugal. The army has not been through the same experiences and there are many different forces at work, not least in the Church. The outcome is difficult to predict. But if the United States comes to be closely identified with the enemies of change the likelihood of the Iberian domino theory being confirmed will be increased. Otherwise there is no conclusive reason why it should be more than a theory.

INTERNATIONAL CARTELS

Yesterday *The Times* disclosed the existence of a major international restrictive agreement, involving the manufacturers of electric cable in 20 countries. The detailed descriptions of how the operations worked through a coordinating office in London have been essentially confirmed. The purpose of the organization, whose members include most of the great names in the world's cable industry, has been to ensure, so far as possible, orderly trading conditions and reasonable returns on capital employed in servicing this aspect of world trade.

The existence of such an organization, seeking to arrange behind the scenes the smooth allocation of contracts for cables mainly in the developing world, raises the most difficult questions of international and domestic policy. These difficulties are both conceptual and practical in character.

There is first the extent to which such arrangements may conflict with the various national regimes for the promotion of competition between companies. The rationale for all anti-cartel and competition policy is that the discipline of competition keeps prices low, improves standards and service and, in general, is in the best interests of the consumer. This philosophy is now firmly bedded in the systems of the western industrial countries. It is particularly strong in, for example, the United States, the United Kingdom and West Germany. It is also fundamental to the work of the EEC's directorate-general of competition, though there is here sometimes a conflict with some of the other industrial policies of the EEC.

The United States has always taken the strongest position in this respect, for it has regularly attempted to extend the effect of its anti-trust policies even beyond its domestic jurisdiction when companies operating in the United States are involved, often to the annoyance of foreign interests and governments. So far as British practice is concerned, restrictive agreements in relation to export markets are allowed by law in the national interest in circumstances which would not be legitimate domestically. The EEC's attitude to such "export cartels" has not yet been formulated, though the Commission is known to be interested in this particular case.

Justification for such restrictive arrangements centres on the argument that companies with heavy capital investments, such as cable making, require a steady flow of orders in order to continue in business. This argument, as with the great cartels of the past, can deteriorate into an arrangement to protect excessive profits. It is for this reason that participants are in such difficulties when faced with the need to justify their practices in public.

There is, however, also a way in which the interests of the consumer may not be best served by cut-throat competition among his prospective suppliers. The customer in the long run requires products of the right quality delivered at the right time. For this, an enlightened customer may well be willing to accept what in the short term may be a slightly higher price. Also, really ruthless competition among suppliers may in a particular industry result in less choice and less competition, as the weakest are driven out.

These arguments are in certain circumstances persuasive. But they raise the question of how, in that case, matters are to be regulated. For the experience of the past hundred years is that the decision about where the public interest lies cannot be left in the hands of the participants themselves. As business becomes increasingly international in its organization and outlook, it is increasingly doubtful whether it is a problem that can find its solution in the framework of separate national jurisdictions.

Blood donors' age rule

From Colonel P. D. Maud

Sir, For the past 24 years while in the Army, in industry and now a management consultant, I have been a blood donor, regularly of late as there is a clinic near our office.

When I reported to the clinic recently, it was pointed out that having just reached the wirching age of 65, I was too old to go on after one more pint.

My doctor has since assured me that my health is all right to continue. He wrote a note to this effect which I sent on to the North London Blood Transfusion Centre saying I would be very ready to go on, but their deputy director replied very courteously that the age 65 rule could not be varied.

The whole process takes some 30 minutes, two or three times a year. I find it rather satisfying and intriguing. The staff are nice; the coffee and biscuits good. If blood is in short supply, sometimes in critical circumstances—as we are told it is—surely there should be facilities for making exceptions to this rule?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MAUD,
The Bath Club,
43 Brook Street, W1.
April 4.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Airlift for Vietnamese children

From Mr Julian Bion

Sir, I returned from Vietnam four weeks ago, after spending two and a half months working with Save the Children Fund in Qui Nhon as part of my medical training. I am concerned that the airlift of children from Saigon is becoming a thoughtless hysterical reaction precipitated, in the case of the Americans, by guilt.

First of all, are the children in danger? Those fathered by American soldiers may well be; these children are invariably placed in orphanages and their future in communist hands is uncertain. The other children though are unlikely to be maltreated.

Secondly, although conditions in the orphanages are far from pleasant, it does not follow that the older children will be happier in a foreign country where customs and language are completely different.

Thirdly: as many as one third of children in orphanages are *not* orphans, but have a family which is unable to support them unless financial aid is provided by "sponsorships" from abroad. This can be arranged through SCF. It avoids the necessity for adoption, and keeps families together.

Adoption of children abroad, when done in a controlled way, is to be encouraged; but at present the Saigon evacuation seems to lack any forethought, and care should be taken to avoid turning operation *Babylift into* Babysnatch.

Sincerely yours,
JULIAN BION.
Brandenburgh House,
Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, W6.

From Miss Patricia Penn

Sir, The present emotional talk of mass export of children from Vietnam is deeply disturbing. Fortunately, this view is already being expressed by some welfare workers in this country. Is the American President taking account of views of professional social workers and others qualified in this matter? And what do the Vietnamese themselves think about it?

In 1967 I made one of several visits to South Vietnam and remained there for a month to research a BBC programme on the problems of widows and orphans. I don't have the script with me, but there are some points worth making. I spoke to people in Saigon, Qui Nhon (where the British Commonwealth Save the Children Fund had just started), and elsewhere. I talked to Vietnamese officials (including the then Minister of Social Welfare), and to British, American, French and Commonwealth social workers, medical people and ordinary Vietnamese. The overwhelming majority of them were against large scale export of Vietnamese children to other countries, and especially against indiscriminate adoption by foreigners.

An American psychiatrist of great humanity I found working in an orphanage at Bien Hoa was particularly specific about the dangers of adoption without proper research and matching of children with prospective parents. This "mail order" type adoption he regarded as dangerous to both children and parents, for obvious reasons. As he said, you have got to want the individual child, and you have to take to him or her if the adoption is to be successful. My recollection is that he regarded anything other than a properly researched placing as dangerous and immoral.

I think it is true to say that everyone I spoke to shared his anxieties, and his fears relating to the indiscriminate transplanting of children, perhaps en masse, to a new and totally alien culture and environment. There was slightly less hostility to the idea of adoption by foreigners of crippled orphans, but even in such cases there was a preference for finding suitable homes in the country. As for the Vietnamese themselves, many seem to have been resentful of the idea of large numbers of children being lost to the nation.

At that time, in 1967, we were discussing the circumstances of children reasonably established as being abandoned, or in the real sense orphaned. Who can be sure, in the present situation, that the children under consideration are orphans, and that once hostilities cease, and the mass flight is over, bereft parents throughout South Vietnam will not be searching for their children?

Only the professional relief organizations can advise in this quite hideous human situation. It's to be hoped that responsible agencies such as the Save the Children Fund and Foster Parents Plan will make their views known to the British and American governments (as well as to popular newspapers) advising whether it is wiser to bring children out, or divert their energies to providing relief (money, food, material) through the contesting Vietnamese governments.

Nothing I have heard or read suggests that the NLF and the Vietnamese revolutionary forces (the Vietcong) are monsters or eat little children. To me it does seem monstrous that the Americans might try to salve their consciences, in this way, at the expense of the children—and thus compound yet again their inept handling of the entire Vietnam situation.

Yours, etc,
PATRICIA PENN,
9 Worcester Place,
Oxford.
April 4.

In place of prison

From Mr Terry Bamford

Sir, In his letter (April 1) Nicholas Hinton from NACRO calls for an expansion of the Probation and After-Care Service to expedite the development of alternatives to prison including community service orders.

The disquieting upward trend of the prison population makes such a development urgent, but the policy being pursued by the Home Office towards the service makes its attainment impossible. The Probation Service is forbidden by a recent circular to recruit staff from outside the ranks of those already in training. No social workers in voluntary agencies or local authorities, no uncommitted social work students and no-trainees may be appointed. The expansion of the service for the next year is to be cut to 5 per cent below the figure needed to meet the Home Office's own projections for 1980. Rigid restraints are being imposed on local probation and after-care committees.

The tragedy of such economies is that the savings are illusory, for cutting back the employment of probation officers who deal with offenders in the community means an increased number in custody at much greater cost. Already in the West Midlands probation area plans for the introduction of community service have had to be shelved because of these staffing restrictions. The consequence is that 400 men will be imprisoned at a cost of £50 each per week who could have been supervised in the community.

At a time of restraint in public expenditure sacrifices have to be made by all. In the personal social services, however, the Government must appreciate that reducing the supply of qualified staff serves only to intensify the demands on expensive residential provision.

Yours faithfully,
TERRY BAMFORD,
Assistant General Secretary,
British Association of Social Workers,
16 Kent Street,
Birmingham.
April 2.

From Mrs William Seymour

Sir, While fully agreeing with Lord Hertford's letter (April 4) on trying to keep people out of prison as much as possible, may I, as a magistrate, take issue with him on one point? Those minor criminals who receive prison sentences "because their crimes have been repeated too many times" have always, in my experience, already had one or sometimes two spells of probation and generally a suspended sentence as well, before the longer prison sentence is given.

Their crimes may be minor, but the public still have a right to be protected, and if the criminal refuses to benefit by the help of the probation service and other voluntary aids what are judges and magistrates to do with him?

Yours faithfully,
MARY SEYMOUR,
Falconer's House,
Crichel,
Wimborne,
Dorset.
April 4.

Secure hospitals

From Mr E. T. Warren

Sir, The article by your Home Affairs Correspondent today (April 3) sets out very adequately the dilemma which has faced the Watford magistrates for some months over the case of Mr Trevor Bonner for whom secure hospital accommodation has been sought. Despite doctors' reports confirming that hospital treatment was vitally necessary in this case the magistrates have had to remand Mr Bonner to prison over a period of five months during which time his condition has deteriorated. These remands were necessary as no decision could be obtained from the appropriate health authorities as to a placement in the Napsbury Hospital at St Albans.

At a further court hearing today a hospital order was made and at long last, after months of pressure, it has been agreed that Mr Bonner will go to Napsbury Hospital within the next 28 days.

There are many similar cases throughout the country and it is earnestly to be hoped that this particular case will result in great urgency being given generally to this problem which, it is appreciated, is a difficult one, but which nevertheless must be given every priority by the health authorities.

Yours faithfully,
E. T. WARREN,
Chairman, Watford Magistrates.
Magistrates' Court,
Watford, Hertfordshire.
April 3.

Community Land Bill

From Miss Nadine Beddington

Sir, The Government White Paper on Land (Cmnd 5730) published last September had the following aims:

a to enable the community to control the development of land in accordance with its needs and priorities; and

b to restore to the community the increase in value of land arising from its efforts.

These underlying aims are a matter of political policy; but they embody ideas that enjoy wide support. We have now to assess whether, in practical terms, the Bill as published is likely to achieve what it sets out to do.

For example, will the Bill encourage development and remove something of the present uncertainty? Will it make land for development more readily available? Will it assist the provision of the infrastructure and of social facilities which must accompany new development? Are local authorities equipped to take on this increased responsibility? Will it facilitate progress on the vitally important building programmes notably in housing and industrial building, on which the Government is determined to make progress?

The Royal Institute of British Architects shares with the sponsors of the Bill a concern to see a proper and healthy development of the built environment. We have also a more immediate concern to press forward with urgently needed building. These questions have been very much in our minds as we have studied the White Paper and will shape our representations to Government during the passage of the Bill.

Yours faithfully,
NADINE BEDDINGTON,
Chairman, Legislation Group,
Royal Institute of British Architects,
66 Portland Place, W1.
March 26.

The discovery of pulsars

From Professor Sir Fred Hoyle, FRS

Sir, Your report (*March 22*) of my comments on the 1974 Nobel physics prize award begins with the incorrect statement that my remarks were made in a lecture given at McGill University. From about 9 am until 11.30 am on March 20 I was interviewed by a sequence of reporters on the subject matter of three lectures I was to give at the university. The lectures had nothing to do with pulsars.

At the end of this long session with the press, I was asked, apparently as an aside, for my views on the circumstances which led to the discovery of pulsars. I gave them in a conversational style, expecting the reporter in question to follow what I have found to be normal American practice, that controversial material is checked back before publication. No check with me was made. With my views thus only crudely represented, it seems appropriate that I should now state them more precisely.

The discovery of the first pulsar was reported in February 1968, although the discovery itself seems to have been made in about a two-month period up to September 1967. The authors of the report were Hewish, Bell, Pilkington, Scott, and Collins, while four others—Professor Sir Martin Ryle, Dr J. E. Baldwin, Dr P. A. G. Scheuer, and Dr J. R. Shakeshaft were mentioned as having been also involved in the discussion which led to the report.

This publication, which justifiably caused a world-wide sensation, consisted of two parts: the detection of the first source of pulsed radio signals; and a detailed follow-up investigation of the pulses themselves. Detection consisted in establishing that a source of regular pulses had a daily motion in the sky that was the same as the stars, not the Sun. There appears to be no disagreement that this discovery was made by Miss Jocelyn Bell (now Mrs Burnell). There is also no disagreement that the follow-up investigation was guided by Professor Hewish. The disagreement is over which of the two parts of the report was the more important.

This can in my view be decided in the following way. If Miss Bell's discovery had been reported at the time it was made, say in October, 1967, three or four other observatories could, and certainly would, have carried through the follow-up investigation. I think there is no disputing that other observatories possessed radiotelescopes of a kind that were more suited to the follow-up investigation, which would not therefore have suffered in quality had it been done elsewhere than in Cambridge. On the other hand, had Miss Bell not made her discovery it is likely that pulsars would have remained unknown, even to this day.

It is also relevant that Miss Bell's discovery required great persistence. When she first noticed the existence of the pulsar signals they were thought, not unreasonably, to be only man-made interference. It was Miss Bell's continued investigation of the signals, and of showing their source to be an object that changed position from day to day with the stars which constituted the crucial step. Once this step had been taken, nothing that happened from there on could have made any difference to the eventual outcome.

There has been a tendency to misunderstand the magnitude of Miss Bell's achievement, because it sounds so simple—just to search and search through a great mass of records. The achievement came from a willingness to contemplate as a serious possibility a phenomenon that all past experience suggested was impossible. I have to go back in my mind to the discovery of radioactivity by Henri Becquerel for a comparable example of a scientific bolt from the blue.

I would add that my criticism of the Nobel award was directed against the awards committee itself, not against Professor Hewish. It seems clear that the committee did not bother itself to understand what happened in this case.

Yours, etc,
FRED HOYLE,
Department of Space Physics and Astronomy,
Rice University,
Houston, Texas.
April 1.

Voting when abroad

From Mrs Diana R. Royce

Sir, As a direct consequence of Britain's entry into the European Communities, my husband has forsaken his career in Britain to take up a new job here in Italy in full expectation of the United Kingdom's continued membership. Since we moved here an election in which we did not have a vote has changed the Government and seems likely to lead to a referendum in which we shall not have a vote either.

It is arguable that we should not vote in elections concerning only domestic issues, but in an unprecedented referendum which concerns our own futures in the EEC, I think the Government should feel itself under an obligation to consult the opinion of those of us who, in the belief that the United Kingdom's role must be a European one, have accepted the opportunities offered by successive Governments and recommended to the country by Mr Wilson's administration.

In a vote that would not be counted on a constituency basis there would be no insurmountable problem in allowing Britons living abroad to vote at their British consulates and for the tally of these votes to be added to the national total. In this I support the argument put forward by Mr Bartell and others in their letter published on March 29. It would be both sad and foolish if the Government in an effort to hold the referendum as soon as possible were to ride roughshod over the claims of Britons abroad for the sake of administrative convenience. I trust this will not be the case in the national decision to be made in June.

Yours faithfully,
D. R. ROYCE,
Via Verbano 54,
Reno di Legguino,
Varese,
Italy.
April 2.

Artists and VAT

From the Chairman of the Society of London Art Dealers

Sir, Now that there is some possibility of relieving the theatre from the burden of VAT may we presume on your kindness to publicize our appeal to the Government to give the same relief to living artists?

You have been kind enough to publish our views on this matter before, and the views of correspondents more distinguished than ourselves, but we believe we write with as much authority as any on behalf of painters and sculptors whose success depends on patronage in this country.

Since the last war the arts have flourished here in vivid contrast to our failures in other fields. The glorious accomplishments in the performing and visual arts have been made possible by men of genius without generous financial aid or much active support from the state. This financial aid, little as it is, is being constantly eroded by inflation, and the imposition of VAT on a painter's or sculptor's first sale of a new work is an extra form of *direct tax* on his income.

Now, Sir, we believe that inadequate financial aid for the arts is unenlightened, but taxation of the arts is Philistine.

We begged the last Chancellor to release artists from this tax, and we are now begging again that this indefensible impost should be removed. It can be done, easily, by zero rating (Finance Act 1972, section 12, subsection 4), and we pray that this simple step will be taken by the present Chancellor in his Budget this month.

Yours faithfully,
GODFREY PILKINGTON,
Chairman,
JACK BAER, Vice-Chairman,
GEOFFREY AGNEW, Past Chairman,
The Society of London Art Dealers,
As from 16a Cork Street, W1.
April 1.

Law on picketing

From Lord Dilhorne

Sir, In your leader "Far Enough on Picketing", which appeared in *The Times* on April 1, it was said in relation to the case of Broome v Director of Public Prosecutions: "The case went to the Lords, where their lordships all agreed that he had broken the law, although Lord Dilhorne wondered whether pickets' rights of persuasion could be properly exercised today without some power to stop people against their will."

I did no such thing. In my speech in that case I said: "It may be that unless the right to picket includes and extends to stopping people against their will, pickets will be unable to exercise their powers of persuasion as they wish. However this may be, the law is in my opinion clear and section 134 of the 1871 Act does not, nor did the Act of 1906 or the Act of 1875 give them the right to do so."

It is tiresome to be so misrepresented and in view of the credence given to statements which appear in your paper, to prevent any further misunderstandings, I shall be grateful if you will publish this letter.

I am, Sir, etc.
DILHORNE,
House of Lords.
April 7.

Defamation of the dead

From Mr H. C. Leon

Sir, There is a slight mistake in your recent leading article on the *Report of the Committee on Defamation*. Criminal proceedings can only be taken for a libel on the dead if it is proved that it is the writer's object to bring contempt and scandal on to the relatives of the deceased (see paragraph 434 of the *Report*). Apart from the fact that this might always be difficult to establish (and there are no such cases on record this century) the writer may be genuinely unaware that there are any such relatives. Although in some of such cases he might be prepared to make a proper retractation, I personally think that he ought to be legally liable to do so. This was the view of all but two members of the Committee.

Yours faithfully,
H. C. LEON,
6 Gray's Inn Square,
Gray's Inn, WC1.

Personally speaking

From Mr A. R. C. Westlake

Sir, It is obvious from the letter of the Public Speech-Fella of Cattleford University (April 5) that "person" and "body", adequate though they may be for person to parson calls or for coming through the rye, need to be supplemented by a whole vocabulary of sexless words.

There are many sources from which such a vocabulary can be compiled. As indicated above the Bêche de Mer (?) "fella" can be imported and used as a common noun and the "strine" suffix "-ie" will be found to be very convenient (cf Pommie, cowie, ploughie).

Our own dialects can produce some very useful words such as the Devonian "er" and the East Anglian "that". Example:—"Why on earth did er marry that?"

And while classical words have been sadly misused so that "homo" is not available, what is wrong with an abbreviated "hom". Example:—Big Sky-fella made hom in er's own image and hom made Homchester.

Yours impersonally,
A. R. C. WESTLAKE (Boss-fella in Arts, Cattleford),
Chanctonbury,
Fellers Road, Rowledge,
Farnham, Surrey.
April 7.

COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 7: The Duchess of Kent today opened the International Police Association Meeting at the Europa Hotel.

Miss Jane Pugh was in attendance.

The sole address of Sir Eric and the Hon Lady Sachs is now Walland Oast, Wadhurst, Sussex.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Vivian Wanamaker will be held at 11.30 am tomorrow in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London, W1.

Birthdays today

Mr W. A. Acton, 71; Sir Cyril Black, 73; Air Commandant Dame Alice Lowrey, 70; Sir Richard Manktelow, 76; Mr G. R. G. Mure, 82; Professor C. R. North, 87; Sir Alfred Owen, 67; Sir John Reiss, 66; Lord Silsoe, QC, 81; Mr Ian Smith, 56; Professor Maurice Stacey, 68; Sir Gordon Sutherland, 68; Miss Dorothy Tutin, 44.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Henry Bedingfeld was christened Richard Edmund Ambrose on April 6 in the Chapel at Oxburgh Hall, Norfolk, by the Rev Thomas McMahon. The godparents are Mr Bernard de Hoghton, Mrs Ann Sachs and Miss Margaret Bedingfeld.

Luncheons

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
The Hon John Silkin, Minister for Planning and Local Government, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at Admiralty House in honour of M Joseph Michel, Belgian Minister of the Interior. Among the guests were:
The Belgian Ambassador, Lord Crowther-Hunt, Mr Guy Barnett, MP, Mr Robert Adley, MP, and Comte Philippe du Parc Locmaria.

HM Government
Mr David Ennals, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon given at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Umit Haluk Bayulken, Secretary-General of the Central Treaty Organization. The guests included:
Mr K. A. Aziz Khan; the Turkish Ambassador, Iranian Ambassador, the Minister, Pakistan Embassy, Lord Shawcross, QC, Mr R. B. M. King, Dr M. Miller, MP, Mr R. MacFarquhar, MP, Mr M. S. Weir and Mr B. J. Baxter.

Dinners

Pilgrims
The Pilgrims entertained Mr Ronald Reagan at dinner last night at the Savoy Hotel. Lord Harlech, president, was in the chair. Among those present were:
The American Ambassador, the Duke of Marlborough, the Earl of Bessborough, the Earl of Westmorland, Viscount Harcourt, Viscount De L'Isle, VC, the Bishop of Rochester, Lord Astor of Hever, Lord Sherfield, Lord Pritchard, Lord McFadzean, Lord Lovell-Davis, Sir John Killick, Sir Hugh Wontner, Sir Philip de Zulueta, Sir Eric Faulkner, Sir Peter Hayman, Sir John Langford-Holt, General Alfred M. Gruenther, Mr Justin Dart, Mr Ronald Spiers and Lieutenant-Colonel S. W. Chant-Sempill.

Anglo-American Sporting Club
The Anglo-American Sporting Club staged a boxing dinner evening last night at the Hilton hotel at which the guests of honour were the winning owner, trainer and jockey of the 1975 Grand National. Rear-Admiral Sir Anthony Miers, VC, was in the chair and the other speakers were Lord Mancroft, Mr J. C. Fields and Mr Kenneth Wolstenholme, secretary.

Service dinner

The Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry
The Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry Officers' dining club held their annual dinner at the Cavalry Club last night. The honorary colonel, Major-General Viscount Monckton of Brenchley, presided, and Major-General G. P. B. Roberts and Colonel H. M. Allfrey were among those present.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. R. C. Kingsbury and Miss C. MacIntyre
The engagement is announced between Gerald Richard Charlemont, younger son of Mr Henry and Lady Patricia Kingsbury, of Wentworth Lodge, Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire, and Clico, only daughter of Captain Bernard MacIntyre, DSC, Royal Navy (retd), and Mrs MacIntyre, of Curry Mallet, Somerset.

Mr D. W. Beech and Miss O. G. Lynch
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Beech, of Darnhall, Winsford, Cheshire, and Olwen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. G. Lynch, of Gillingham, Kent.

Mr A. T. Flatman and Miss D. K. Mitchell
The engagement is announced between Adrian, elder son of Dr and Mrs G. E. Flatman, of Furzecroft, Helensburgh, and Doreen, younger daughter of the late Mr J. K. Mitchell and Mrs C. C. Mitchell, of Ellerslie, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.

Mr T. C. Hewitt and Miss S. J. Brassey
The engagement is announced between Timothy Christopher Hewitt, of 71 Cambridge Street, SW1, son of Major P. D. S. Hewitt, RA, and the late Mrs Hewitt, and Sarah Jane, daughter of the late Commander Hugo Brassey, RN, and Mrs Nicholas Hirsch, of Drum of Garvock, Dunning, Perthshire.

Dr O. Lyth and Miss I. E. P. Menzies
The engagement is announced between Dr Oliver Lyth, of 21 Lathbury Road, Oxford, and Miss Isabel E. P. Menzies, of 22 Eton Avenue, London, NW3.

Mr M. R. A. Newman and Miss M. E. Moss
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, son of Mr and Mrs G. Newman, of Whitkirk, Leeds, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Moss, of Moor Park, Hertfordshire.

Lieutenant C. C. G. Sharp, RN and Miss M. R. K. Xavier
The engagement is announced between Colin, only son of Mr and Mrs B. L. G. Sharp, of Sweet Briar, Ovington, Hampshire, and Morag, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs R. J. H. Xavier, of Birnam Lodge, Nursery Road, Loughton, Essex.

Mr T. W. Fellowes and Miss R. L van Cutsem
The engagement is announced between Thomas William, younger son of Sir William and Lady Fellowes, and Rosamund Isobelle, younger daughter of Mr Bernard van Cutsem and Lady Margaret Fortescue.

Mr P. J. Compson and Miss J. E. Pugson
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs G. E. Compson, of The Lake House, Rougham, Bury St Edmunds, and Jenny, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. T. E. Pugson, of Pakenham Lodge, Bury St Edmunds.

Major W. D. Gibson and Mrs J. M. Rhodes
The engagement is announced between David Gibson, of Greenhill House, Upham, near Southampton, and Jane Rhodes (nee Hassell), of Maycroft, Langton Matravers, Swanage, Dorset.

Mr I. S. Jacklin and Miss C. A. Audsley
The engagement is announced between Ivan Seymour, only son of Mrs D. A. Jacklin, of Salisbury, Rhodesia, and the late Air Vice-Marshal E. W. S. Jacklin, and Catherine Ann, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A. K. Audsley, of The Old Rectory, Abbots Worthy, Winchester.

Mr A. G. M. Kemp and Miss A. A. Negretti
The engagement is announced between Alexander, younger son of Mr J. E. Kemp and the late Mrs Kemp, of Barelli, Stanthorpe, Queensland, and Anneliese, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. A. Negretti, of Thornborough Manor, Buckingham.

Mr P. M. N. Jennings and Miss C. R. J. Hardy
The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Colonel M. T. N. Jennings, of Fairlawn, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, and the late Mrs J. J. Jennings, and Celia, younger daughter of Mrs J. F. B. Huntley, of Boxwell Court, Gloucestershire, and the late Mr T. R. B. Hardy, of Bristol.

Mr J. G. Marrin and Miss H. E. Hutchison
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. Marrin, of Sandgate Road, Folkestone, Kent, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. D. Hutchison, of St Nom la Bretèche, France, and Bullaceton, Saltwood, Kent.

Marriages

Lord Loch and Mrs S. Beauchamp-Wilson
The marriage took place in London yesterday between Lord Loch and Mrs Sylvia Beauchamp-Wilson.

Mr C. R. Dawson and Miss B. Iorwerth
The marriage took place quietly at Llandaff on March 31 between Mr Richard Dawson, son of Mr and Mrs P. Dawson, of Ben Rhydding, Yorkshire, and Miss Branwen Iorwerth, daughter of the late Dr I. Hughes Jones and Mrs Hughes Jones, of Killay, Swansea.

Mr P. Hutchinson and Miss C. Downes
The marriage took place in Cambridge on Saturday, April 5, between Mr Patrick Hutchinson, only son of Group Captain and Mrs G. H. B. Hutchinson, and Miss Christina Downes, only daughter of Dr and Mrs C. E. P. Downes.

Mr M. W. H. Popham and Miss C. M. B. Muir
The marriage took place quietly in Kensington on April 4, between Mr Michael Popham, son of Brigadier R. H. S. Popham, OBE, of Weybridge, Surrey, and the late Mrs Betty Popham, and Miss Catrina Muir, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. A. G. Muir, of Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

Mr D. E. Fanning and Miss K. S. Cutkomp
The marriage took place in Southern California on April 5 between Mr David Fanning, of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and Miss Karen Sue Cutkomp, of South Laguna, California.

Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth

Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey, Chief of the Air Staff, took the salute at Lord High Admiral's Divisions yesterday when the following officers under training passed out from Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth:

General list: Sub Lieut T. E. Osborne; Midshipmen J. S. M. Davidson, D. A. B. Smith, G. Stamp, J. R. Staveley, R. Ashdown, J. G. Anns, P. A. Barton, P. R. Bishop, R. G. H. Bonthrone, P. J. Boraston, K. Borley, R. G. Bosshardt, M. A. Bowker, G. J. Boyce, R. J. F. Brown, B. P. Butler, N. J. D. Corcoran, K. I. Creates, M. C. Davies, S. R. Dawson, M. F. Dobson, J. R. Douglas, G. E. Dutton, R. M. Eadie, A. J. Edmonds, J. M. Elwell, D. V. Farrow, D. Faulconbridge, T. R. Herman, W. B. Hoggarth, D. M. Howard, H. C. Howard, J. B. Hughes, S. A. Johnston, R. S. N. Kettle, M. J. Lawrence, P. D. Lewis, J. R. Lord, S. D. McAlear, D. G. Molyneaux, A. C. Murgatroyd, D. T. Nelson, P. W. Nixon, M. J. Pamphilon, I. R. Parker, R. W. Parry, J. K. C. Pearce, I. F. Pettit, J. Powis, T. G. Pritchard, C. E. Reynolds, S. J. Robbins, A. A. Ross, R. W. Rowlands, G. Smith, M. A. Smith, M. C. P. Snow, C. G. Spicer, J. Swift, A. P. Tarpley, M. C. Thompson, A. R. Tilling, R. W. Trunchion, J. P. P. Walker, P. R. Walpole, N. J. Whittall, R. E. Wormald, G. N. Wright.

Special duties list candidates: Sub Lieuts A. Abel, D. A. Costigan, W. F. Edwards, M. E. Harper, G. Hill, R. D. Jeffery, I. Kempley, D. F. Lane, K. R. Munro, T. R. Nicholls, B. Parnell, J. A. Roberts, D. Shawcross, M. J. Sheridan.

Supplementary list: Sub Lieuts A. U. Martin, A. P. G. Davies, C. H. Fessey, S. K. O'Collard, A. J. Prince, P. E. Tanner; Midshipmen K. C. Bayly Jones, A. J. Biddlecombe, S. N. Field, J. I. D. Fisher, C. D. Gilbert, S. B. Lewis, P. Mason, S. C. L. Nicholson, N. M. Ogilvy, A. G. Rankin, N. A. Slattery, A. Smalls, B. P. Tyekiff, J. C. Wheeler, E. C. E. Brown, T. M. Carter, A. W. Dakin, F. R. E. Edwards, C. G. Fryer, M. S. Gilbert, A. Harper, J. R. Harvey, P. W. Holihead, C. A. Hunt, J. N. R. Leask, R. Manning, M. Reid, J. D. Steel, S. J. Wilson.

Instructor officers: Lieuts (I) D. B. Barnes, J. R. Barnes, R. S. Bridges, R. M. Brown, G. A. Cairns, T. Holt, M. F. J. Iatip, P. A. Jellyman, R. G. Kenworthy, D. J. Maddrell, B. A. McCormack, D. T. Morrison, P. J. Ross, D. L. Staneshy.

Latest appointments

The following appointments are announced:

Captain J. S. C. Lea, RN, aged 51, to be promoted Rear-Admiral on January 7, 1976, and to be Assistant Chief of Fleet Support, succeeding Rear-Admiral R. A. Harcus, next January.

General Sir Rodney Moore, aged 69, to be chief steward of Hampton Court Palace, succeeding Major E. G. Eastwood.

Mr Philip Knights, aged 54, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, to be chief of West Midlands Police.

Mr R. K. Mawer to be a metropolitan stipendiary magistrate from April 21.



More than 30 villagers climbed into trees at Paglesham, Essex, yesterday, to challenge farmers' tree felling and hedge-stripping plans.

Two quarries to supply oil rig are approved

From a Staff Reporter
Edinburgh

Two quarries to supply the Howard Doris oil production platform site at Loch Kishorn in Ross and Cromarty have been approved by Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland. They are at Kyleakin, in the Isle of Skye, and at Strathcarron.

An application to quarry at Achnasheen was refused because of its geological importance, strong objections by the Nature Conservancy and because the other two quarries would produce sufficient supplies.

The two quarries will occupy 104 acres. There were six objections to the Kyleakin development and eight to the Strathcarron quarry, mainly on grounds of amenity, noise, dust and visual intrusion.

There were fears that the Kyleakin site, which will have a jetty, would affect local shipping. The county council accepted that the area was geologically important but considered that a new industry would be of greater value.

The county council proposes conditions to reduce any harmful effects by controlling noise, dust and fumes, and requiring that both quarries are kept as unobtrusive as possible.

Middlesex pair win bridge championship

By Our Bridge Correspondent

P. D. Alder and W. J. Pencharz, of Middlesex, won the championship pairs, and Mrs A. L. Fleming's combination from Kent and Berkshire won the championship teams cup, at the Devon and Cornwall bridge congress at Torquay at the weekend.

Championship pairs: 1, P. D. Alder, W. J. Pencharz (Middlesex) 419; 2, N. Press, T. Ward (Surrey) 406; 3, T. E. Girdlestone, R. W. Williams (Somerset) 391.

Championship teams: 1, Mrs A. L. Fleming, J. Sarjeant (Kent), F. B. Boucher, C. C. Thame (Hertfordshire) 94; 2, M. J. Downing, B. A. Raine (Worcestershire), N. T. Malden, E. F. J. Powell (Warwickshire) 87.

Consolation teams: 1, Mr and Mrs G. C. H. Fox, Mr and Mrs A. L. Della Porta (London) 108; 2, B. L. Teltscher, D. King, G. A. Hart, N. L. J. Davies (Surrey) 94.

Women's team: 1, Mrs V. S. Creswick, Mrs B. A. Bolton, Mrs P. Southon, Mrs L. Heath (Middlesex and Surrey) 89.

Men's teams: 1, M. J. Downing, B. A. Raine, E. J. Powell, N. T. Malden (Warwickshire) 77; 2, G. L. Stanford, I. McDonald, D. Larkin, B. Bassett (Warwickshire) 70.

Mixed pairs: 1, Mr and Mrs G. H. Fox (London); 2, Miss E. J. Sive, R. Smolski (London).

Flitch winners: Mr and Mrs R. Whyman (London).

Roedean scholarships

Junior entrance scholarships have been awarded by Roedean School to the following: C. J. Gough, Normanhurst S, Chingford; M.-A. L. Newman, Betteshanger S, Deal; C. L. Renton, Windlesham House S, Washington, Sussex.

Latest wills

Mrs Helen Diana Hyacinthe Le Froy, of Wandsworth, London, left £30,737 net (duty paid, £8,123). After a few personal bequests, she left the residue to the Salvation Army, for work in the Irish Republic among women and girls.

Rev Charles Antony Kean, of Weybridge, left £25,583 net (no duty shown). After small bequests he left the residue to St George's College, Weybridge.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):

Bunyard, Mrs Jacqueline Anthea, of Surbiton (duty paid, £71,989) £136,796

Cox, Mr Robert Raymond Cort, of Stratford-upon-Avon (no duty shown) £161,497

Higham, Professor Thomas Farrant, of Old Headington, Public Orator, Oxford University, 1939 to 1958 (duty paid, £4,538) £50,984

Today's engagements

Princess Alexandra, as patron of the Richmond Fellowship, attends reception for delegates to International Conference on Half-way Houses, Goldsmiths' Hall, 6.35.

Lunchtime talk: The Royal Hospital, by Rev E. W. Evans, Christian Study Centre, St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap, 1.10.

Lunchtime talk: Joseph Gormley, president, National Union of Mineworkers, Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, Shaftesbury Avenue, 1.15.

Middle East bids force up prices of miniatures

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Sotheby's sale yesterday of Oriental manuscripts and miniatures from the Hagop Kevorkian Fund of New York was dominated by buyers from the Middle East, who were prepared to pay top prices.

Nevertheless, the most expensive item of the day, a sixteenth-century manuscript of the *Shahnama*, with 32 colourful miniatures, went to Mr V. Hohler, an English private collector, for £42,000. It had sold at Sotheby's in 1949 for £1,050 (estimate £15,000-£25,000).

A 1436 manuscript of the *Zafarnama* with eight full page miniatures went to an anonymous buyer at £25,000 (estimate £15,000-£25,000). The manuscript had been rebound in the nineteenth century and several leaves removed which are now in various public and private collections.

The Middle East dealers were prepared to pay top prices for the Persian miniatures, good, bad or indifferent, but with the Mughal miniatures from India, a little off their geographic beat, it was only the very best that attracted intensive bidding. This included a page from the *Hamza-Nama* depicting "Hamza and the queen of the fairies carried through the air in palanquins borne by demons". The manuscript is accounted the most important of the Akbar period and the page went for £12,000 (estimate £4,000-£6,000) to H. P. Kraus.

Another example was a charming lion in a thicket of bamboo, a Mughal miniature of about 1620 to 1630 which made £7,600 (estimate £4,000-£5,000). On the other hand a Mughal portrait of a youth of about 1610 made £1,100 (estimate £1,500-£2,000). Among the Persian miniatures the top price was £10,000 (estimate £4,000-£6,000) for a portrait of a physician to Shah Abbas I by Mu'in, dated April, 1674, while "A damsel plays a lute seated on a hillside" by Muhammed Taqui, dated 1646, reached £9,000 (estimate £2,000-£3,000).

Receptions

Corporation of London
The Corporation of London gave a reception last night at Guildhall on the occasion of the silver jubilee of the British section of the International Police Association. The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests.

British Architectural Library Appeal
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs attended a reception at the Mansion House yesterday to launch the City appeal for the British Architectural Library. Viscount De L'Isle, VC, presided. Among those present were:
The Danish Ambassador, the Spanish Ambassador, the High Commissioner for Malaysia, Herr H. H. Noebel; Lord Gibson, Mr Hugh Jenkins, MP, Sir Derek Ezra, Sir Peter Menzies, Mrs Henry J. Heinz II, Mr Philip Shelbourne, Mr Norman St John-Stevas, MP, and Mr C. H. W. Troughton.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, April 8, 1950

Malayan disorders

Before the Easter recess statements in both Houses of Parliament confirmed the belief that the state of affairs in Malaya is worse today than it was six months ago. The number of outrages committed by the Communist guerillas, which at that time fell to two or three a day, has increased until the average now stands at between 50 and 60 a week. Few main roads and railways are safe for passengers even with armed escorts; the only route between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur free from risk of interruption is by air.

First among the explanations is the encouragement given by the Communist victory in China to the rebels in Malaya, who believe that they may receive money and arms from Peking.

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OBITUARY

MISS OLGA ANDROVSKAYA

A subtle comic talent

Olga Androvskaya, the popular Russian stage and film comedienne, has died in Moscow aged 76.

Born on July 21, 1898, into the family of a Moscow lawyer by the name of Schultz, Miss Androvskaya was originally intended for the law. As a law student, she was active in amateur theatricals and in 1918 joined Korsh's Theatre in Moscow as a professional actress, while continuing her training at the Chaliapine studio. After a period in the Moscow Art Theatre's Second Studio she became a full time member of the Stanislavsky's theatre in 1924.

Her first major role in that year was Isabel in Calderon's *La Dona Duende* and from then on she built up an impressive repertoire of comic roles in which a lightness of touch was combined with a subtlety of psychological portrayal. The outstanding ones were Susanne in *The Marriage of Figaro* in 1927, Lady Teazle in *The School For Scandal* in 1940, a role she repeated in the 1952 film of Sheridan's comedy, Mrs Chevely in *An Ideal Husband*, a whole string of Ostrovsky heroines, Vera Filippovna in Gorki's *Summerfolk*, Dunyasha in *The Cherry Orchard*, Rose Griggs in Lillian Hellman's *Autumn Garden*, and the role she herself preferred above all others, that of the wife of Professor Polezhayev in Leonid Rakhmanov's *The Troubled Past*. This was the part in which he was seen during Sir Peter Daubeny's season at the Sadler's Wells Theatre in 1958.

Although still active with Moscow Art Theatre, notably as the General's Widow in a stage version of Dostoevsky's *The Hamlet of Stepanchikovo and its Folk* in 1971, she devoted her last few years to teaching.

Her abundant sense of humour and comic elegance were most skilfully exploited in a series of films based on Chekhov's short stories, beginning with *The Bear* in 1938. Appointed a People's Artist of the Soviet Union in 1948, she has honours galore heaped on her including a Stalin Prize in 1952.

C. T. HOUGHTON

Sir Richard Manktelow writes:

Many men are born to be first rate public servants, and high in the list of those of his generation must have been Tom Houghton who died suddenly and quite unexpectedly last weekend in his 83rd year. His service extended from 1912 to 1956, and the whole of it was in the Ministry of Agriculture with the exception of a short wartime period in the associated Ministry of Food. His two main spells of duty were, first, in 1921 to 1929 as private secretary to several Ministers of Agriculture, and second, in 1944 to 1955 as the department's Principal Establishment Officer.

In both these important posts Houghton excelled, thanks to his inbred dedication to duty and his determination to put up the best possible performance in the job in hand whatever it might be. In the private office he struck a period when movement was very slow: in those days, so unlike the present, even a first class private secretary had to wait years for further advancement. But of course he put his long experience to excellent use in the service he was able to give to successive ministers.

It is as head of establishments that he will be thought of by most of his colleagues. In this key post it was his concern to see that the department was well staffed and run, and he always set an excellent example by the high standard of his own work. He was also known for the special care he took to help and encourage promising material in the younger ranks.

On retirement he was still active but he made sure that he could spend more time on his hobbies of painting and bookbinding. In both these fields he did some excellent work and gave a lot of pleasure to a lot of people. He will be remembered with much appreciation by all his friends and old colleagues. He was made CBE, 1941, CB, 1951.

MRS RONALD HACKFORTH

Dr Arnold Cooke writes:—

The death of Lys Hackforth removes one of the best known and most admired figures from the Cambridge scene. From the time when she first settled there after the First World War with her husband, Ronald Hackforth, who was a classics don at Selwyn College, she grew to be an important influence in musical circles in the town and university. The shared enthusiasm for music of the young couple, and her own professional musical training, encouraged them to form a society for giving concerts of chamber music, which became the Informal Music Club, holding its first season in 1920.

Thereafter, a regular series of concerts brought many of the famous artists and chamber music groups of the time to play in carefully chosen programmes of the chamber music of all periods, including also first performances and works specially written for the concerts or the players concerned. In the inter-war years these concerts were always held on Wednesday evenings; but after the Second World War the day was changed to Thursday and the title became the Thursday Concerts Club. The present season is the 55th of the series.

One may wonder how Mrs Hackforth managed for so long to maintain these fine concerts, even after the death of her husband, and well beyond the age when such activities are normally given up. Well, she did it by a remarkable combination of enthusiasm, imagination, determination and sheer love of music, which embraced an astonishingly wide knowledge and range of sympathies. And of course, a strong sagacity in management. The value of his lifelong dedication, and its contribution to the musical life of Cambridge, was generally acclaimed, and some years ago received official recognition by the University in the award of an Honorary BA degree.

As a person, Mrs Hackforth, like her older friend Mrs Gordon, was a "character". Mrs G and Mrs H, as they were familiarly known, were unquestionably among the leading ladies of Cambridge society. Mrs H. too had the reputation of being formidable. If anyone happened to get into disagreement or conflict with her, no doubt she could be so. But normally, and to her many friends, she was kindness itself, and the warmth of her good nature and humour overflowed in full measure. Her and her husband's generosity and hospitality will be remembered by many Cambridge people, as well as by the many visiting musicians they entertained. For myself I owe her a considerable debt for all the encouragement and help she gave in my own career, and works of mine performed at her concerts.

We all loved her, and she will be sadly missed.

PROFESSOR G. W. COOPLAND

Dr M. M. Badawi writes:

Your obituary notice of Professor G. W. Coopland quite rightly gives emphasis to his distinction as lecturer and teacher in this country and to his exemplary devotion to scholarship which continued to the very end of his long life. But it makes no mention of the interest he took, and the role he played, in the education of another non-English speaking country: Egypt.

After his retirement from Liverpool, Professor Coopland was invited more than once as Visiting Professor of Medieval History by Alexandria University for one or two terms each time. His involvement in the life of the university, his keen interest in *all* disciplines, his passionate concern for academic values and standards and his warmth towards his colleagues and students went far beyond anything one expected from holders of such a temporary office and will always be remembered with gratitude and affection by all those who had the good fortune of associating with him, many of whom often enjoyed his generous hospitality in this country.

He was a great source of inspiration and support, particularly for young Egyptian lecturers, not necessarily connected with medieval studies, at a difficult juncture in the modern history of Egypt when academic values were somewhat confused and when inspiration was badly needed. To him and to his devoted secretary, Miss Gertrude Winter, Egypt owes a great debt which this writer feels it is his pleasurable duty to put on record.

PROFESSOR C. L. OAKLEY

E. G. C. writes:

As your article (April 5) records, Professor C. L. Oakley was distinguished in his profession of bacteriology. But he was much more, a man of prodigious erudition who was a recognized authority on subjects as far apart as parasitic copepods and Sexton Blake; he spoke Chinese, was a connoisseur of Chinese food, and a mine of information on medieval church architecture and furniture.

He was a wise man who did not blazon his knowledge, but he could always be persuaded to put it at the disposal of others. His voluntary activities included valuable service as a member of the Agricultural Research Council and chairman of one of its major committees, besides social and charitable work of which he spoke very little.

Oakley's friends will miss him for many reasons but perhaps especially for his sense of fun, which illuminated discussion even of the gravest subjects. He had a keen sense of the ridiculous, and no one was better at deflating pomposity.

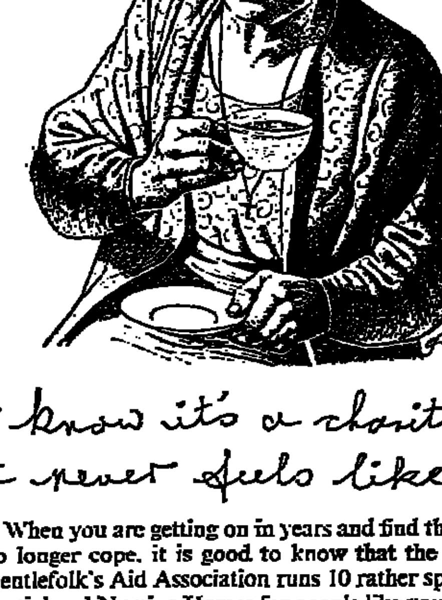
Perhaps connected with this was his propensity for weaving, not too seriously, a sort of camouflage web about his own real self; in youth this took the form of regaling his fellow medical students with romantic and mildly scandalous fictions about his own origins, while in later years he pretended to conceal his essentially compassionate nature under a cloak of worldly cynicism.

The Hon Margaret Colville, elder daughter of the second Viscount Colville of Culross, died on April 3 at the age of 88. She had been a Justice of the Peace for Kent and Devon.

Lady Roger, widow of Sir Alexander Roger, KCIE, died on April 7 in her 91st year. She was Helen Stuart, youngest daughter of J. C. Clark, and she was married in 1908. Her husband died in 1961.

Lady Eccles, widow of Admiral Sir John Eccles, GCB, KCVO, CBE, died on April 3. She was Madeleine Cherry, daughter of Ruthven Macfarlane, and she was married in 1929. Her husband died in 1966.

Mr Victor Marijnen, a former Dutch Prime Minister, has died in The Hague from a heart ailment. He was 58. A former leader of the Catholic People's Party, he was prime minister from 1963 to 1965.



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Church news

Appointments:
The Rev R. McC. Nurse, Rector of Christ Church with St Laurence, Willesden, diocese of London, to be Vicar of Southsea with Murrow and Parson Drove, diocese of Ely.
The Rev C. S. Tull, Team Vicar in the Washfield Team Ministry, diocese of Exeter, to be Vicar of Bishopsnympton with Rose Ash and Mariansleigh, same diocese.
The Rev D. C. Musselwhite, Vicar of Bream, diocese of Gloucester, to be Rector of Shipton Oliffe with Shipton Sollars and Haselton with Cold Salperton, same diocese.
The Rev E. J. Richardson, Vicar in the Trunch Group of Parishes, diocese of Norwich, to be Vicar of Stoneleigh, diocese of Guildford.
The Rev G. H. Y. Fletcher, Vicar of St Peter, Hall Green, diocese of Birmingham, to be Vicar of Clive with Grinshill, diocese of Lichfield.

Diocese of York
The Rev A. H. May, Vicar of Middleton with Cropton, to be also Rural Dean of Pickering.
The Rev B. H. McMurray, Vicar of New Eltham (in charge of St Aidan), diocese of Southwark, to be curate in charge of Skelton.

Diocese of London
The Rev T. R. Ashton, Vicar of St Dionis, Parsons Green, to be also Rural Dean of Hammersmith.
The Rev R. H. Green, Vicar of St Leonard, Heston, the Rev C. S. Matthews, Vicar of St Stephen, West Ealing, and the Rev E. C. Varah, Rector of St Stephen, Walbrook, have been appointed Prebendaries of St Paul's Cathedral.
The Rev J. C. Broadhurst, priest in charge of St Augustine, Wembley Park, to be Vicar of that benefice.

Diocese of Durham
The Rev A. D. Chesters, Rector of Brancepeth, and diocesan director of education; the Rev A. F. Lazonby, Rector of Haughton le Skerne and Rural Dean of Darlington; and the Rev R. P. McDermott, lecturer in theology, University of Durham, have been appointed Honorary Canons of Durham Cathedral.
The Rev D. L. Goodacre, Chaplain, Sunderland General Hospital, to be Priest in Charge of St Paul's, Ryhope, Sunderland.
The Rev D. E. Hilborne, Rector of Byers Green, to be Priest in Charge of All Saints', Monk Wearmouth.

Diocese of Chelmsford
The Rev K. Belben, Vicar of Great with Little Maplestead, to be also Priest in Charge of Gestingthorpe.
The Rev K. M. Briggs, curate at All Saints', Squirrels Heath, to be priest in charge of North Ockendon.
The Rev B. Carew, curate at Pembroke Dock, diocese of St Davids, to be priest in charge of Wickham St Paul with Twinstead.
The Rev P. Elvy, diocesan youth chaplain, to be Vicar of Great Burstead.
The Rev A. J. Irwin, curate at South Weald, to be priest in charge of Shalford.
The Rev J. F. R. Ryall, Rector of Great Yeldham, to be also priest in charge of Little Yeldham.

Diocese of Chester
The Rev R. L. Lawrence, Vicar of St Georges, Hyde, and diocesan radio and television officer, to be Vicar of Prenton.
The Rev D. Parker, priest in charge of St Thomas of Canterbury, West Hyde, diocese of St Albans, to be priest in charge of St Augustine, Brinksway, Stockport.

Diocese of Oxford
The Rev D. H. Thomas, curate at St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, and Chaplain of Wadham College, to be domestic chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford.
The Rev F. G. Selby, curate at Cuddesdon, to be an honorary chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford.

Diocese of St Albans
The Rev D. A. Clendon, curate in charge of Christ Church, Luton, to be curate in charge of Pirton, Hitchin.
The Rev B. H. Jones, formerly curate in charge of St Paul, Bedford, to be Vicar of Wigginton, Tring.
The Rev G. M. Neal, Vicar of St Faith's, Wandsworth, diocese of Southwark, to be curate in charge of Houghton Regis, Dunstable.
The Rev F. H. Welch, formerly curate at St Stephen, St Albans, to be curate in charge of that benefice.

Diocese of Salisbury
The Rev W. G. Bull, Vicar of Swallowcliffe with Ansty, to be priest in charge of Laverstock.
The Rev K. V. J. Hopkins, curate at St Clement, Parkstone, to be priest in charge of St Thomas, Trowbridge, and Wingfield.

Diocese of Sheffield
The Rev A. N. Davis, Vicar of St Paul's, Ecclesfield, to be Vicar of St James and St Christopher, Shiregreen.
The Rev G. W. T. Hossent, Vicar of St Bartholomew, Sheffield, to be Vicar of Arksey, Doncaster.

Diocese of Southwark
The Rev D. L. Bartles-Smith, Vicar of St Michael and All Angels and All Souls with Emmanuel, Camberwell, to be Vicar of St Luke, Battersea.
Canon C. Pinder, Borough Dean of Lambeth and Canon Emeritus of Southwark Cathedral, to be also priest in charge of Christ Church, Brixton.

Diocese of Southwell
The Rev A. J. Brown, administrator at St Margaret's Home, Nazareth, Israel, to be curate at St Mary's Church, Clifton, Nottingham.
The Rev H. A. Kirton, Rector of St Wilfrid, and a Residentiary Canon of Southwell Cathedral, to be a Canon of Southwell Cathedral.
The Rev C. J. Young, Rector of St Wilfrid, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, to be Vicar of St Giles, Balderton, near Newark.

Bravery awards for rescue helicopter crew

Three RAF helicopter crewmen have been awarded bravery awards for the rescue of nine Belgian trawlermen from the base of a 600ft cliff.

They transferred the fishermen to the Longhope lifeboat as the trawler broke up on rocks around the Orkney island of Hoy on December 21.

The *London Gazette* citation says all three acted with courage, skill and determination in the face of great dangers.

The helicopter flew from RAF Lossiemouth, Morayshire. The pilot, Flight Lieutenant David Cosby, aged 31, receives the Air Force Cross; so does Master Air Loadmaster Peter Barwell, aged 34, who was lowered to the deck of the trawler nine times.

Flight Lieutenant Taylor, aged 42, who operated the winch, receives the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air.

Award for editor

The International Editor of the Year award will be made to Mr Harold Evans, editor of *The Sunday Times*, by *Atlas World Press Review*, at a luncheon at the Overseas Press Club, Biltmore Hotel, New York, next Monday.

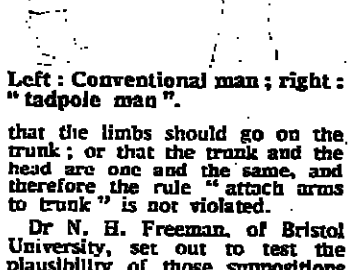
Science report

Psychology: Children's drawings

Children's drawings are considered important in determining their psychological development. Young children often make consistent "mistakes" when asked to "draw a man", and psychologists have considered the significance of their responses.

At certain ages young children consistently draw men with arms coming out of the head. Do they do so because their conception of what the finished drawing should look like is wrong or because of repeated mistakes in performance? From a careful analysis of the response of a group of children, the author of a recent paper in *Nature* suggests that mistakes in skill and not conceptual confusion are the cause.

The particular type of man frequently drawn by children of preschool age—the tadpole man—has so far defied understanding. Psychologists have tried to explain it in various ways, all basically conceptual. Their hypotheses propose either that the trunk is omitted altogether and the arms attached according to the rule "attach arms to head"; that the trunk is omitted and the arms drawn on the head by mistake even though the child "knows" that the limbs should go on the trunk; or that the trunk and the head are one and the same, and therefore the rule "attach arms to trunk" is not violated.



Left: Conventional man; right: "tadpole man".

Dr N. H. Freeman, of Bristol University, set out to test the plausibility of those suppositions in an experiment in which 140 children aged between two and four took part. They were first asked to draw a man, enabling them to be grouped according to the type of man they were able to produce spontaneously. The group that drew conventional men, with head and trunk, were significantly older (average age of four) compared with those who drew tadpole man (3.7 years) and the scribblers (3.4 years) who produced no recognizable men at all.

All the children were then asked to complete a series of incomplete drawings of heads attached to trunks. The two series had been designed so that the size of the head and trunk were varied in relation to each other.

The way in which the children completed the drawings varied between groups. Every child put the legs on the trunk, and the oldest group always attached the arms to the trunk. But the larger the head in relation to the trunk the greater was the tendency for the other age groups to draw arms on the head, although they could attach arms "properly" to the trunk in some cases.

Dr Freeman suggests that the difficulty children have in producing a "realistic" drawing is related not to any deficiency in their conception of what a man looks like or in how the finished drawing should look, but to practical deficiencies in putting their conception down on paper. The "tadpole men" are a result of mistakes in basic skill.

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Tyne and Wear

a Special Report

Changes open up great potential in an area which is living down its history



The bridge-scape dominated by the curve of the Tyne bridge, model for the Sydney Harbour span. Behind it are the swing bridge and the high level bridge for rail traffic.

by Derek Harris

Things have changed a lot in the heartland of North-east England, what is now the county of Tyne and Wear, even though some Gateshead front streets still look like back streets and the government limit on expenditure is likely to slow some transport and other schemes.

The area has one of the country's most impressive road systems, and rail and air connexions to the South and Continent that make feelings of geographical isolation an anachronism. The Tyneside Metro, a £114m fast-transit scheme operating on both sides of the Tyne, should, like the improving bus services, help to bring communities nearer together for both work and play.

Industry is far more diversified than it was a decade ago. The panache with which problems are being tackled by restructured local authorities, like the Tyne and Wear County Council, and coordinating and planning organizations, like the Northern Economic Development Council, also bodes good.

Tyne and Wear, with 1,200,000 people in 208 sq miles covers the metropolitan districts of Newcastle, Gateshead, Sunderland, North Tyneside and South Tyneside. Many urban improvements are going ahead, from Newcastle's metropolitan housing programme to a sewerage scheme that should do much to clean up the tidal Tyne.

Washington is one new town where an extensive industrial mix has been achieved, with medal-winning housing developments and a shopping, leisure and services centre that is a totally enclosed and heated mall.

Yet a common observation about Tyne and Wear is that in terms of social change it tends to run a decade behind many parts of the country. Married women, it is pointed out, are just beginning to go out to work in large numbers (incidentally making the area particularly attractive to industries like electronics assembly). The slackening of hitherto close family ties is often blamed for youthful violence in the towns, the recent rash of school fires and the drug problems of places like South Shields.

Lack of mobility in the labour force is seen as another sign of being slow to change. A lot of people, it is argued, still expect to have their job at the end of the street—as the shipyard and pit have historically been—and see little farther than having enough money in their pockets for a beer and a bet.

The North-east keeps its usual place near the top of the regional beer-drinking league, and even in the present period of tighter money volume sales in the pubs and working men's clubs seem little affected. Some night clubs, on the other hand, report somewhat quieter times, probably because they have a larger proportion of their clientele coming from the middle classes.

Those two faces of Tyne and Wear, the one essentially optimistic and forward-looking and the other tinged with pessimism feeding on the past, show clearly in the world of work and wealth-making.

The central preoccupation of most people is whether the economic miracle, for which so many have been searching since the Jarrow march, will ever come. Jobs—or rather the fear of not having enough of them—represent a conditioned reflex that in fact belongs more to the past than the present or future.

That is not to say that unemployment should be underrated; the North-east region's rate of 5.4 per cent is next only to Northern Ireland for severity in the United Kingdom.

Sunderland's rate is touching 13 per cent, against the national average of 3.4 per per cent.

But it is encouraging that the percentage of jobless improved slightly last month in contrast to the worsening national figures. That almost certainly reflects the fact that the area's traditional heavy industries like shipbuilding, heavy steelmaking and power equipment supply are still busy, with enough orders in many cases for two years.

Even coal, after a wave of pit closures that wiped out 120,000 jobs, has stabilized and is set for expansion, with enormous reserves extending under the North Sea ready to be tapped. Beyond 1977, however, there are question marks over shipbuilding markets and power equipment supply, although Reyrolle Parsons, a big supplier to the Central Electricity Generating Board, has, for instance, been building up a substantial export trade.

There are a number of positive factors. The spin-off from North Sea oil and gas activities is growing, showing up in a shortage of skilled labour that the region's heavy concentration of government training centres may well do something to alleviate.

Mr John Hobbs, the director of the National Economic Development Council, has with some success been urging companies to jump on to the oil technology bandwagon because of the export potential in offshore exploration in other countries. He also foresees a key role for the national enterprise board in developing the area's industry, and the NEDC is urging closer regional ties with the board. Both NEDC and Tyne and Wear County Council have been developing a "presence" in Whitehall and Brussels that could ensure more aid for the area.

A fillip to the area could be a fairer share of decentralized government departments—the civil servants would swell the services sector of the regional economy as well as buttressing an under-represented middle class. The county council has put up a strong case for the new national shipbuilding corporation to have its headquarters in Tyne and Wear. They and NEDC have also been setting up exhibitions, most recently among the Ideal Home stands, to improve the area's image.

That might easily benefit the new North-east tourist industry which, as Mr Colin Gray, Northumbria Tourist Board chairman, points out, would stand a better chance of growth if more financial support were forthcoming.

Cash flow, especially from local authorities who now more readily accept the economic development possibilities in tourism, has recently improved.

Unless current lobbying succeeds in reversing the decision, or attempts to bring in other European shipping lines are successful, the tourist board will have to pull out the stops in generally marketing the area's attractions.

Some critics say that too many organizations are pulling in too many directions to achieve expansion in the North-east as a whole, and there may be something to that. Arguably, policies of new industry at any cost lead to too many branch factories and too little of the home-grown industry that would tend to keep wealth in the region.

That is one preoccupation of Mr Derek Foster, who is chairman of both the NEDC and Tyne and Wear County Council's economic development planning committee. But, given that much has been done to diversify the economic structure of the area, he sees the best answer as attracting more company headquarters to the North-east through growth of existing plants.

Mr James Gardner, the county council's chief executive, says the promised land is not necessarily the upgrading of everything. "We have established a clear priorities plan extrapolated from the Labour council's policy documents—with industrially derelict land reclamation and consumer services, for instance, well up the list—and I think we have a great capacity for good in being able to put money into sectors where in the past it has not been possible in the old smaller authorities."

Mr Peter Rogers, lately of the Rothschild "think tank", is one of the management team as director of economic planning. He thinks that while home-grown industry needs encouragement the region has a lot to offer overseas companies, particularly those of the United States and Japan. He cites Procter and Gamble, the detergents group, as a company which regularly monitors labour productivity and turnover at its Newcastle plant and which would move on if the record was not good.

"Labour is slightly cheaper here but industrialists feel the quality of labour is important. Output per man in manufacturing compares with the national figures. I'd say that this county is holding up a bit better than Britain as a whole."

Tyne and Wear is attracting more and more key people with opinions and hopes like those. If it gets rid of old attitudes it could be nearing a change in lifestyle undreamed of on the Jarrow march.

Town with unique past gropes for a future





Jarrow past and present. The memories of the hunger marchers, seen above approaching London, are kept alive by high unemployment despite the creation of a modern town in place of the slums of 1936.

by John Young

Jarrow. Not a beautiful word but, as a report in *The Times* once put it, "one of the most evocative place names in the language". And indeed it is. Where else could you find a name synonymous with both the earliest beginnings of Christian culture in Britain and the darkest period of twentieth-century industrial history? The Venerable Bede did not know what he had started.

Bede today is commemorated by the medieval remains of the monastery which he founded and by a trading estate which bears his name. Recently a splendid Georgian manor house, Jarrow Hall, was handed over to a trust headed by Mr C. H. Summerson, chairman of the Civic Trust for the North-east, which has turned it into a delightful museum of local history.

Of the social deprivation which was forced upon the attention of a shocked nation when the unemployed staged their famous hunger march to London in October, 1936, there is now little evidence.

The town centre has been comprehensively redeveloped with a new Arndale shopping centre. With its wide roads and modern housing estates, Jarrow today presents at least an acceptable face to the world, if not one which would tempt many visitors to linger. It looks in fact much like most other modern industrial towns: rebuilt with good intentions but too little imagination.

But appearances, as so often, present a misleading picture. Unemployment is at least twice the national average; local people reckon it as high as 10 per cent, and even more among male workers. The claim that the housing problem has been effectively solved, and that there is virtually no waiting list for council houses, can be looked at in two ways. May it not mean simply that the younger generation are continuing to emigrate and that there is little to attract newcomers?

Mr Michael Campbell, leader of the Tyne and Wear County Council, who lives in Jarrow, is cautiously optimistic. There has been a dramatic improvement since the bad days, he says. "I remember electioneering in 1945, when there was still some really shocking housing which has now been removed. I do think that on the whole living conditions have seen a great change for the better."

Others take a less sanguine view. Mr Paddy Scullion, a retired alderman, aged 76, who was one of the leaders of the original Jarrow march, concedes that the worst aspects of poverty have been removed, and that the older generation are better off than they ever were.

"But the problem is with the young people", he insists. "They are going wild, because they have no chance at all. The black spots in Britain, Tyneside, Liverpool, Glasgow, are just the same as in the 1930s: the same story all over again. The only solution is to bring industry to where it is needed, and if necessary the Government should use compulsion. To say that people should move away to where they can find jobs is not acceptable."

In 1972 Mr Scullion led a second crusade to London, this time by train to King's Cross, followed by a march to Downing Street. Mr Heath refused to meet the leaders but did write subsequently to the mayor, pointing out that the Government had no powers to direct industry to areas of high unemployment.

For old Jarrovians it was a predictable response, and part of a continuing saga. They recalled the sudden catastrophic closure of the shipbuilding yards in the early 1930s which left "a near-derelict town". They remembered the subsequent royal visits, the consoling political phrases, and the well-meaning but humiliating Surrey "adoption" scheme, which was intended to make comfortable London commuters aware of the plight of their fellow-citizens but which took on all the appearances of a mission to darkest Africa.

They also no doubt remembered the abortive efforts to establish a new steel plant before the Second World War, and the repeat performance in 1960 abandoned, it was alleged, because of union intransigence. And, reverting once again to the days of the depression, they must have retained a memory of the Bishop of Durham's condemnation of the great march as an instance of pressure by an undisciplined mob.

But sentiment, and the conviction that Tyneside, like Merseyside and Clydeside, has had a raw deal, will not solve the present problems. Jarrow's basic handicap is that it has few obvious advantages to offer the would-be industrial investor.

It is, for one thing, paradoxically short of suitable sites. At the moment attention is being focused upon the Jarrow Slake, a desolate area of shallow water and mud flats.

A recent joint report by the county and district councils suggests that the land should be reclaimed for industrial development and that it is particularly well suited for oil rig construction. But the report admits that "substantial and intractable differences in attitude" have arisen between the two councils and the Port of Tyne Authority, which owns the land and which wants to see it used for port-based industries which will provide a long-term source of harbour dues.

"The planning authorities emphasize the importance of job creation . . . the broader economic needs of the area are of little relevance to the strictly commercial attitude taken by the port authority."

It is, by the standards of official documents, a singularly bitter little report. But bitterness is inseparable from Jarrow, a town with a unique and in most respects an unenviable past, which is still groping for a future.

'Lifebelt' of the 1930s is still in use

"The English Industrial Estates Corporation is the most agreeable landlord. They have no motivation except to keep you happy."

The description—of the body which has its headquarters at Gateshead that started off the industrial trading estate concept in the United Kingdom nearly 40 years ago—comes from Mr Charles Herzberg, the Department of Industry's northern region industrial director.

Mr Herzberg, an engineer and former industrialist, has been a tenant of an EIEC factory, so he reckons to have seen it all from both sides of the factory gate.

The EIEC was a lifebelt for the North-east, fashioned in the 1930s largely through the efforts of the late Sir Sadler Forster. With government backing there was started the Team Valley estate, where EIEC is still evolving with various changes of title from a purely local experiment into an organization responsible for all government factory development and management throughout England.

Team Valley now extends to 700 acres and provides employment for nearly 20,000 people with development room left for industrial premises that should provide about another 4,000 jobs.

The best part of 30 per cent of the EIEC's development work still lies in the North-east, although some of the 1,000 or so units developed since the start in 1936 are located in Cornwall. This amounts to the creation of around 130,000 jobs, although figures can fluctuate—three companies fell by the wayside during the past tough 12 months and 14 factories are now empty.

With advance factories steadily becoming available in accordance with regional policy linked to various aid incentives—a new rolling programme for 10 factories in England alone was announced last year—the EIEC's factory bank stands at 24.

Mr Horace W. Heyman, EIEC chairman, says that far from being worried by this number he would prefer to have what he likes to call a vacancy reserve of some 3 to 4 per cent of total factories under management.

He goes half way with the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which recently was warning of Britain heading for a factory shortage of "chilling proportions" within two years.

The chamber reckoned that shortfall in new industrial space in the first half of 1974 was about 17 million square feet with a "significant increase" in industrial construction work being abandoned. They saw it as a reflection of the growing squeeze on property developers and thought that in a future economic upturn small and medium-sized companies especially would be at risk through factory space starvation.

Mr Heyman commented: "What the chamber says is partly true. If there was an immediate upsurge in the economy we would be very short of factories."

It underlines the importance of programmes like that of EIEC which is dovetailed at Whitehall level with other projects, notably those of the new towns corporations, including the five in the North-east.

The EIEC is an independent body as far as Mr. Herzberg is concerned: "We advise companies with development projects strictly according to their needs and do not show any special preference to the estates corporation"—but it is the department which decides where new government factories should go.

In addition to the advance factories, a proportion of the units are tailor-made for a particular company.

Mr Herzberg finds that local company expansion is a big factor in taking up the government factories in the North-east. Few foreign companies so far are going in. He added: "The mortality rate is a problem because branch factories are nearly always at more risk than the parent. There are signs of slackening at the government factories."

Mr Heyman says that the quality of inquiries is not as high at the moment, although the rate of inquiries last year outpaced the previous 12 months. But the number of people in employment in EIEC factories has "gone down a little" in the last month.

This picture of industrialists showing hesitancy is hardly unexpected at the present time. Mr Heyman for his part is by no means pessimistic about prospects.

He said: "I have lived in this country for nearly 50 years and I have seen problems come and go. We are having a rough time but there is a general realization now that something should be done. It is a question of leadership. We have the technical expertise; and we have oil coming along."

He is not hesitant, however, to hand out criticism. He and his officers are caustic about the lack of management control in the building industry in Britain compared with, say, in the United States where factories can be built slightly cheaper despite labour costs that are three times higher than the United Kingdom's.

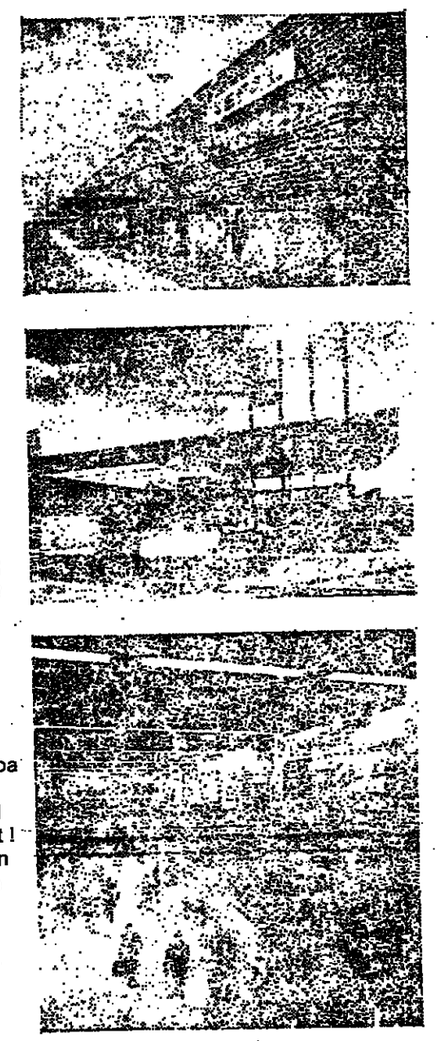
But he is also receptive to criticism. The Comptroller and Auditor General a couple of years ago for instance, had hard words about some high costs of building advanced factories, and the role of private sector builders came in for special attention. Mr Heyman, now in his fifth year as chairman after being a former Team Valley tenant for 18 years, does not sidestep the issue.

"There was room for criticism", he said. "We are in the process of thoroughly investigating every ramification. But I take the view that with a factory we are making packaging material for people. It must not only keep out the weather but must be aesthetically acceptable. That can cost money. Achieving energy conservation is now another factor."

He sees the equipment of youngsters with the best skills as a number one priority—"people are no asset, either to themselves or the community, unless they are skilled and trained".

Some of his own spare time goes into this crusade—he is on the governing body of the excellent Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic, an institution he rightly considers a great asset to the area's industry.

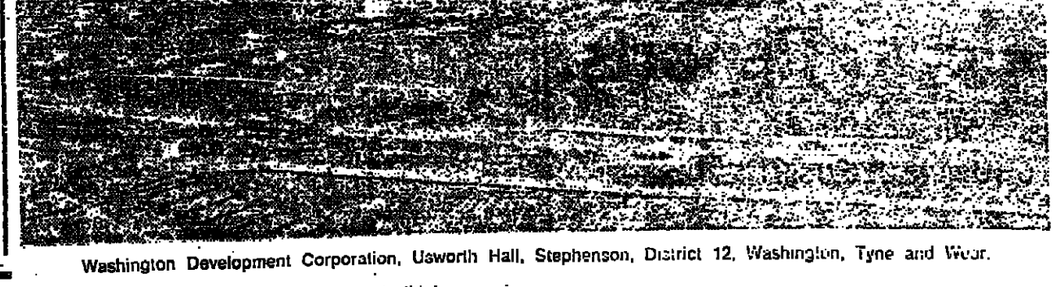
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'Shy North-easterners should learn how to shout for a bigger slice of the national cake'



Mr James Gardner, Chief Executive (left), and Mr Derek Foster.

by Sandra Bisp
Thomson Regional Newspapers

It would be easy to use phrases like "burning with conviction" and "passionate nationalism" to describe James Gardner and Derek Foster. But it would be wrong because they are men with a straightforward approach to the difficulties facing them. They talk fast and clearly; they convince you of their interest in the North-east and its problems.

James Gardner, Chief Executive of the Tyne and Wear County Council, comes from Preston in Lancashire; he brings objectivity about the area's strengths and weaknesses. Derek Foster, who is a councillor and comes from the heart of Tyneside, has a passion for the area that is difficult to suppress.

Mr Gardner is the only child of an insurance collector who saw poverty at first hand in the houses he visited in the 1920s and 1930s. The lesson which emerged, as Mr Gardner puts it, was that "little Johnny had to have a career". From Kirkham Grammar School he went to university in Manchester to read law.

The first step on the local government ladder, which has meant a career spanning seven local authorities, was being *articled to the* town clerk of Preston. He left Lancashire for the first local authority post offering *housing accommodation* after marrying "the girl next door".

In the past nine years Mr Gardner has figured in the reorganization, formation and operation of three large local authorities. At 33 he was town clerk of Stockton-on-Tees and secretary to the Teesplan—the first large-scale joint land use and transportation study in Europe. The £380,000 plan defined policies for 25 years.

Later, as town clerk and solicitor to the London borough of Greenwich, he spent nine months introducing and operating planned *programme budgetry. Less* than two years ago he was appointed to his present position with the then *proposed council. He has since* led a team to Brussels seeking grants from the EEC development fund.

"The real priority is to get the Government to accept a regional strategy to enable people to balance the quality of life with that in the South-east", he says. "One would like to see full employment but that, of course, is naive." Mr Gardner says people in the North-east are shy of standing up and shouting for what should be theirs, a bigger share of the national cake.

Mr Foster, who represents the Sunderland (Downhill) ward on the council, became *chairman of the Economic* Development Committee and chairman of the North of England Development *Corporation* at the same time. Tyne and Wear give £50,000 a year to the corporation. He is also assistant director of education with Sunderland District Council.

The story of his involvement with local politics is a curious one. Born in Sunderland, the only *son of a* shipyard worker who spent two years on the dole in the 1930s, he went to Oxford "with the idea that the area was inferior". Later he marketed tyres in the Midlands and quilts in Edinburgh.

He preached in a Methodist church and devoted *evenings to youth club* work. With a new attitude to the values and needs of the North-east he returned to Sunderland to take up full-time youth and community work.

"I took a drop in salary and lost my company car, but four years ago in Washington I learnt about a range of problems I didn't know existed", he says. "It was a valuable period which led in reality to my political involvement."

He joined Sunderland Borough Council three years ago and found himself on the youth employment committee. His "baptism of fire" came when the metropolitan county councils were coming into being and preparing to take up their powers.

He and his wife are active members of the Salvation Army which, Mr Foster says, led him to socialism through contact with social problems. "We must increase the prosperity of the region. A better standard of living, education improvements and better housing cannot happen without employment", he says.

Making the area attractive to industry is his main aim as chairman of the North of England Development Corporation, but he is also concerned with helping local firms to grow. Positive development for the region and not just "development spill-over" is what he wants from central government.

Tyne and Wear hopes to be chosen for the headquarters of the nationalized shipbuilding industry, and a government decision is expected soon.

Parting with brass to get rid of muck

by John Young
Planning Reporter

"The people of Tyneside really do want a better environment and they are prepared to pay for it", a senior council official told me recently. I remarked that this seemed rather different from Yorkshire where most of the pressure for cleaner air and the removal of dereliction appeared to come from young people and from amenity groups, whereas many of the older generation not only did not particularly object to muck and grime but even, in some cases, took a sort of perverse pride in it.

"Ah, yes", the Newcastle man replied, "but Leeds, for example, has marvellous unspoilt country on its doorstep. When people feel like a breath of air, they can just take off into the Dales, so they don't mind the odd coal tip at the end of their backyard."

But surely Tyneside was equally fortunate with the wide sweeping landscapes of Northumbria on one side and a dramatic coastline on the other, the superb Northumberland national park only a few miles away and the Lake District an hour or two's drive away? The official thought for a moment. "Yes, but it's not quite the same, is it", he observed.

The conversation serves to illustrate the extraordinary inward-looking mentality of so many Tynesiders, which is both a strength and a weakness. It had produced a great sense of local loyalty and community spirit—of all the new metropolitan counties Tyne and Wear is widely regarded as the most likely to be a success in terms of achieving cohesion and a common purpose. But it has also created a certain insularity, a feeling that Tyneside is somehow detached from the world around it. Even Sunderland, a dozen miles down the coast, is regarded as not quite part of the family.

The people of Sunderland feel this, too, and in their own quiet way are setting about solving their own problems. Perhaps no town in Britain has needed to haul so long and so hard on its own bootstraps and, in spite of some formidable hurdles, it is not making a bad job of it.

Mr Taureq Rafeek, the borough's chief planner, recites the statistics with some pride. Between January, 1972 and April, 1974, a total of 320 acres of derelict land were reclaimed; a further 245 acres will be reclaimed by this time next year, and altogether some 50 schemes are in the pipeline covering more than 1,500 acres.

The scale of the problem can be seen by the fact that the two largest colliery spoilheaps within the borough boundaries, Silksworth and Ryhope, occupy 190 acres and 178 acres respectively. The town centre has been comprehensively redeveloped, and it now has a rather striking civic complex designed by Sir Basil Spence. But, as Mr Rafeek points out, "it needs a lot more than just a new central area to change Sunderland's image".

Not that he would want to change it too far. He talks enthusiastically of the Wear and its shipbuilding legacy. "Even the river banks, although they may not be particularly beautiful to look at, take on a new aspect when you realize what has been achieved here. It is only a narrow river, yet it can handle *ships of 100,000 tons and* more. You get an impression of power and strength, which you do not find on a wide open stretch of water like the Mersey".

Industrial archaeology has been enshrined also in the station at Monkwearmouth, which has been preserved almost exactly as it was at the height of the Victorian railway age and turned into a fascinating museum which attracted 70,000 visitors in its first year. A delightful contrast is the monastery and church of St Peter near by, where St Bede was once a member of the community, and which recently staged a festival lasting several months to commemorate its 1,300th anniversary.

It is this haunting contrast of the ancient and beautiful with the worst excesses of over-rapid industrialization that gives the whole county a special fascination. "We have as much Roman history here as there is in Winchester, probably more," Mr Melvin Hague, the director of planning, proclaimed. "But Tyneside's image has, frankly, not encouraged outside recognition."

The county council reflects Sunderland's enthusiasm for both archaeology and reclamation. It is in the process of buying the Bowes railway, the second great achievement of George Stephenson after the Stockton-Darlington line, which until a year ago was still actively engaged in carrying coal. It also intends to spend some £3m during the coming financial year on the first stage of a reclamation programme aimed at restoring at least 700 acres of derelict land a year to useful purpose.

Other environmental projects include landscaping of the denes, the steep, formerly wooded ravines which once carried unpolluted streams through the open countryside, and one of the biggest tree-planting schemes in Britain. More than 125,000 trees and shrubs were planted during this last winter, and the council plans to spend at least £200,000 a year during the next 10 years, by which time Mr Hague reckons "the whole face of the county will be considerably changed".

The greatest challenge of all is that of cleaning up the Tyne itself. The local water authority is spending some £60m on improving sewage disposal, but cleaner water is only part of the answer. Industry still pours its excrement into the river and contributes to the all too obvious dereliction along its banks.

A joint committee of all the Tyneside local authorities, the port authority, the former Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the Board of Trade was established in November, 1963. But its report published in January last year, although encouraging in many ways, made bleak reading in others.

Rapid tram system could be key to future public transport

The idea of an inner ring motorway in Newcastle, to carry through traffic to either side of the centre and leave that area open for the development of a brave new city, which would arise to revitalize the whole region, has been discredited.

The trouble was that the citizens of Newcastle did not particularly want a brave new city, at any rate not if it meant knocking down the old one. The sight of the bulldozers battering and churning their way across familiar landmarks, parks, streets, squares and crescents, aroused a rare gut reaction. There has seldom in Britain been an environmental protest movement with such deeply felt support from all parties and all classes. The eastern arm of the motorway will go ahead, because it is too late to stop it, but the experience will never be repeated.

But in any case the vogue for urban motorways was drawing to an end while the plan was being considered. An extra push was provided by the publication in September, 1973, of the Tyneside Passenger Transport Executive's report, *A Plan for the People.*

The report laid the foundation for what is perhaps the most original and imaginative public transport project in Britain since the invention of the double-decker bus. Among the major conurbations outside London, only Glasgow, which is considerably larger in area and population and has a much more advanced base on which to build, has any comparable scheme in mind.

The plan is to install a 34-mile rapid transit system, using 90ft *electric "super-trams"* travelling at up to 50 mph. Each vehicle will be able to carry about 200 passengers, and at peak *periods* they will be linked two or three at a time.

Of those 34 miles, about 26 will consist of upgraded British Rail suburban tracks. The remaining eight miles will be new construction, a large part of it underground but also including the first new bridge over the Tyne for more than half a century.

There will be at least 42 stations on the network, most of them linked on the North American pattern with connecting bus services and car parks. The knowledge that the project is regarded as a test case for the future of public transport in Britain—and is perhaps responsible for government delay in approving other schemes such as the Picc-Vic tunnel in Manchester—has inspired officials with unusual enthusiasm. They are talking of extending the system south to Sunderland and Washington.

The cost was estimated in 1972 at about £63m and is now probably well over £100m. The executive's justification is that the price is still well below that of further urban motorways and that interest on the local authority's share of capital expenditure (the Government pays 75 per cent) is likely to be a lot less than the cost of continuing to subsidize local rail services.

Looking farther afield, Tyneside is still grateful for its new roads, even though British Rail has recently made a revived impact on its natural market, the carriage of bulk goods, on which the economy of the North-east still largely depends. On the passenger side, the fastest inter-city service between London and Newcastle has been reduced to less than four hours.

The airport at Woolsington performs a useful function, particularly in handling freight. The great traditional seaports of Newcastle, Tynemouth, North Shields and Sunderland declined during the 1930s but have benefited from the boom in the coal industry and in the container trade. On the other hand, the decision by the Norwegian Bergen line to shift its operations to the Humber does not presage any great future for passenger services. Port authorities hope that a marginal spin-off from the North Sea oil boom will provide some compensation.

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Commitment to the arts brings optimism despite hard times

by Michael Chaplin
The Journal, Newcastle

Newspaper readers in the North-east are too familiar with the story. The headline invariably announces "Cash Crisis Hits North Theatre/ *Cinema / Arts Centre*" — strike out whichever is inapplicable—and goes on to report the precarious finances of the particular organization. Indeed, there have been so many items like this in the past year that readers must be weary of them.

There is a cruel irony here, for many of the organizations at present in financial trouble would have been doing well in ordinary circumstances. The University Theatre, Newcastle, is an example. Despite bigger audiences and several long-running shows it faced a £30,000 deficit last year and had to be bailed out for half that sum by Tyne and Wear County Council. Even with larger grants in the coming year from the council, Northern Arts and the Arts Council, the company's director, Mr Gareth Morgan, expects a substantial shortfall.

"Costs have been our Becher's Brook", he says. "I have been here four years and they have doubled in that time. We shall have to cut back and that inevitably means actors. It's very sad."

The Tyneside Theatre Company is not alone in its cash problems. The Tyneside Film Theatre recently closed, much to the disgust of cinema enthusiasts, who were heard to mutter that the theatre had been let down by one of its financial backers, the British Film Institute.

The county council has got together with Northern Arts and the trustees and they hope to reopen *the theatre in time for the next* Newcastle Festival.

The county council has already paid up three times —an indication of its involvement in the arts. Its commitment to leisure—the local government jargon word—is one of the reasons why Mr Gareth Morgan and Mr David Dougan, director of Northern Arts, remain generally optimistic.

"There was a time when leisure was the first committee to get its budget chopped in times of financial difficulty", Mr Dougan says. "This was partly because the councillors on the committee were not very important. Not any more."

Mr Stanley Heatlie is certainly not unimportant. He is a highly articulate teacher, a Labour councillor and *chairman of Tyne-Wear* leisure committee and Northern Arts. "We have a budget of £1,780,000 and a commitment to leisure to match the figure. We and Northern Arts lead the country", he said.

Northern Arts is proud of its carefully nourished reputation. It was the first regional arts association to be set up and one of its aims was to attract new industry to the hard-pressed region. Other incentives were extended to rising young executives. "Come to Newcastle", it was said, "where the city centre is just 15 minutes from beautiful open countryside".

Well, the landscapes and golden beaches are still there, but the old Newcastle, with its elegant Victorian architecture, is disappearing. *The urban motorway system* is nearing completion and the city, rising steeply from the Tyne, now looks depressingly like some other provincial cities.

The city has changed and so has the conception of regional art. Over the years people began to ask themselves whether it was simply about the highly respected Northern Sinfonia Orchestra playing Debussy in the City Hall. In the past two years we have seen a movement towards a more regionally-based scene, a trend helped by the springing up of arts centres and museums.

Probably the best of the former is in Sunderland, which is afflicted by the country's highest juvenile unemployment rate. It found a huge and wholly new audience recently when it presented a fascinating exhibition about the history of Sunderland Football Club.

Mr Gareth Morgan, faced with the elitist stigma of running a building called the University Theatre, has put on two Geordie plays in the past six months — another sign of this movement. Of course, the North has always been strong on regional identity and to some a Geordie revival is only sentimentality, but Mr Heatlie and Mr Dougan agree that it is important for the nourishing of new artists.

More creative work is coming out of the region and not only for local consumption. At the last count there were 30 television camera teams working in the North, queuing up for use on the few remaining genuine colliery terraces.

Everyone is satisfied that the old metropolitan gibe about the North-east being a cultural desert has been laid to rest. Councils and industry have poured money into the arts and the investment is now yielding interest. With an internationally famous orchestra, successful magazines, an inventive film company, arts festivals and centres, and so on, Mr Dougan and the others can afford to smile, despite the cash problems.

Geordie sportsmen are natural winners

by John Gibson
Evening Chronicle
Newcastle

Sport plays a big part in the life-style of the northerly corner of England, now officially called Tyne and Wear. It reflects the healthy, down-to-earth attitude of its people. Competitiveness has become inbred through the years of hardship dating back to the Jarrow march, and it has remained as prominent as ever in these more affluent times of industrial and economic growth.

Perhaps it is best summed up by Brendan Foster, voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year and the man who won the European 5,000 metres gold medal in Rome last summer.

"It is part of our history", Foster says. "We have been reared on sport since the days when it was one of the few escapes from the drudgery of work. Our society has a steeliness in it which tends to give northern people a head start as competitors.

"Maybe we find it easier to be dedicated because of tradition and because there aren't so many distractions. Whatever it is put down to, sport is very much part of our lives."

The image of the North-east, of the newly formed Tyne-Wear district, is of Andy Capps keeping pigeons and going whippet racing.



Brendan Foster, BBC Sports Personality of the Year, seen here at Crystal Palace, won the European 5,000m gold medal in Rome last summer.

Fewer distractions ease dedication

Maybe there was some foundation for that but now it is merely the dream of cartoonists. Geordie has gained more sophistication than that.

The North has been called a hotbed of soccer. But while Association football has always been its forerunner, it is not the only sport in which it excels.

Athletics is growing at a bewildering speed under the considerable influence of Olympic performers Foster and David Jenkins. Horse-racing flourishes at Gosforth Park. Golf at amateur level claims a large slice of the national limelight. So does Rugby Union. "Fringe" sports, such as badminton and swimming, can boast international champions while league cricket holds a fascination which attracts Test stars into its ranks as professionals.

Football, however, is like a religion. Its following is fanatical—perhaps rivalled only in Liverpool and Glasgow where it might be argued that the success gained recently by the clubs concerned justifies the attendances a little more.

Certainly Newcastle United, legendary Football Association Cup fighters of the 1950s, command a huge following. Yet they last won the First Division championship in 1927 when the legendary Hughie Gallacher set a club record with 36 League goals.

Arch rivals Sunderland were relegated from the First Division in 1958. A black shadow hung across Roker Park until Bob Stokoe, a Geordie who had played *for Newcastle in the* 1955 Cup Final, arrived to take the red and whites to Wembley in 1973 where they defeated the mighty Leeds.

Among the celebrations which went on for days Stokoe pledged a return to the First Division inside two years, and that pledge looks like being fulfilled at the end of this month.

Brendan Foster, born on the banks of the Tyne at Hebburn, wanted to be a footballer as a child and is still in his own words "a football nut". A shy, intelligent man, he holds the world record at 3,000 metres and two miles and the pinnacle of his success came in the heat of Rome last summer when a big contingent of Geordies hung out a banner reading "Howway Big Bren". Foster led from gun to tape to lift the European 5,000 metres gold.

He is now revitalizing athletics in the North—or pioneering it at international level. A former schoolteacher, he is Gateshead Council's new sports and recreations manager and has further strengthened the area's claim to fame by having David Jenkins, Britain's 400 metres record holder, *appointed assistant sports* development officer.

Together, Foster and Jenkins, backed by an enthusiastic council, intend to put the town of Gateshead on to the athletics map. Gateshead Youth Stadium was bursting with 10,000 excited spectators (one of the largest athletics attendances outside of London) when Foster broke the world two miles record in front of his own people last summer.

As a result, extra seating is being put into the stadium in readiness for this year's big programme, which includes the area's first international, and the Gateshead Games, which is attracting athletes from America, Finland, Norway, Italy and Africa.

Amateur golf has, until the recent upsurge of athletics, been the area's premier summer sport. The array of talent is considerable: Alan Thirlwell, a former Walker Cup player who is now an England selector, David Moffat, Keith Tate, Gary Logan and John Downie.

Almost inevitably, a few are turning pro, like twice England amateur champion Harry Ashby and Walker Cup star Gordon Clark.

League cricket, almost exclusively a northern sport, is more light-hearted. But it still has its stars. Pakistan pace man Asif Masood has signed for Northumberland League side County Club (who play in the suburbs of *Newcastle) for the coming* season and Test all-rounder David O'Sullivan is returning from New Zealand to play for Eppleton in the Durham Senior League.

The biggest boost for cricket

But perhaps the biggest boost for cricket in Tyne and Wear is the return of Colin Milburn, whose ferocious hitting took him into England's Test team. Milburn was a product of the Durham Senior League and, as a 17-year-old schoolboy, hit a century against the Indians at Sunderland. He was quickly snapped up by Northamptonshire but a car accident which seriously impaired his sight cut short his first-class career.

Now Milburn, who injected fun into a game threatened as an entertainment by mathematicians, has rejoined his former league club Chester-le-Street.

"Coming home appeals to me", he says. "In the south people don't realize how enjoyable and entertaining league cricket is. I was bred on the grounds where pitmen and bank clerks played alongside Test men like Rohan Kanhai and Lance Gibbs, and the atmosphere is a bit special.

"*It is homely* but fiercely competitive. Sides want to win as much as anyone playing at Lord's. To bowl a big name player means free ale for a week for the lucky hero."

Many other sports have reared champions in this particular neck of the woods. Sunderland's Paul Naisby heads a list of international swimmers; British Lions' Roger Uttley tops a string of Rugby Union internationals; and Derek Talbot and Elliott Stuart are world ranked badminton players.

Horse-racing has always held a place in the hearts of northern folk and the Northumberland Plate, nicknamed the Pitman's Derby, is run at the attractive Gosforth Park course and is a prominent fixture on the racing calendar.

Shipping still main industry

by Ronald Kershaw
Northern Industrial Correspondent

The old adage about good things coming in small packages could well be applied to the county of Tyne and Wear. Compared with its near neighbours, Northumberland, Durham and Cumbria, it is tiny; but it contains upwards of a million and a half people and is a thriving industrial area.

It is not stretching credulity too far to suggest that by and large the economy of the county revolves around the fortunes of the shipbuilding and ship-repairing industries. This has always been a cause for some concern and great efforts in recent years have been made to introduce some measure of diversification. Past years have seen the problems that beset Tyneside particularly when, albeit for brief periods, the shipbuilding industry has come to a halt.

The past record of nationalized industries in Britain shows that they do not have a particularly startling record and there are those among shipbuilding and ship-repairing companies who feel that the forthcoming state ownership of shipbuilding, ship-repairing and associated industries, such as marine engineering, will mean the kiss of death.

The matter is open to argument, but whether it is a question of making the best of a bad job or simply taking advantage of opportunities that present themselves, the North of England Development Council is going all out to secure the headquarters of the new nationalized industry in Tyne and Wear.

It is estimated that the new headquarters will bring about 300 new jobs to whichever area is chosen and the NEDC was quickly off the mark with a 12-page report arguing Tyne and Wear's case. Mr John Hobbs, NEDC director, pointed out with some force that Tyne and Wear "is the largest most successful and expanding centre of shipbuilding and ship repairing in the United Kingdom".

Some 20 per cent of the national workforce in shipyards and marine engineering is based in the North-east, Mr Hobbs said, and the area launched more than half the shipping built in Britain. While other areas were declining, ship repairing had increased turnover by 24 per cent and its labour force by 8 per cent.

Shipbuilding on the Tyne means Swan Hunter. The company owns all shipbuilding on the river and three quarters of the ship-repairing business. Out of the Swan Hunter group's British workforce of some 33,000 (which includes interests other than shipbuilding and repairing) about 15,000 are employed in shipbuilding and another 3,000 to 4,000 in ship repairing. The company has about 60 ships on its order book worth in the region of £400m.

With any massive workforce there is bound to be a continuing story of industrial dispute and Swan Hunter is no exception. The many and varied arguments are usually over differentials in pay and in the main they do not reach the point where strikes and overtime bans reach the public eye. The company appears to be getting over a succession of these and the whole situation is being stabilized.

Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, is well aware of this and, anxious that the new nationalized industry should be a success, made a special point of appealing to shipbuilding unions at Gateshead last month: "We must all hope that the different unions in the yards will now sit down and find a basis for working together to overcome such divisions as have existed in the past which may weaken the influence of those who work in the industry."

While everything or nearly everything may revolve around the shipbuilding industry in the North-east, a new saviour is emerging in the form of North Sea oil. It is calculated that already some 5,000 men are engaged in North Sea oil construction work and a further 2,500 are in work directly connected with North Sea oil. The total value of contracts completed, under construction or on the order books is now £200m against £80m last year. The North-east is reckoned to be on target in this new industry and is expanding swiftly.

In the face of rising unemployment in many parts of the country, the northern region is doing better than holding its own. At the last count in March the regional figure stood at 67,869 unemployed, a decrease of 356 over February. A remarkable result when one considers that not very long ago when the rest of Britain showed even a small fall in industrial activity, the northern region was always very badly hit. Even so, the regional percentage unemployment is running at 5.2 per cent of the estimated number of workers and this compares with a national average of 3.4 per cent.

As in many other places in Britain there is in the North-east an air of uncertainty which is not helping companies in their decisions whether or not to invest or develop. Industrialists feel that once the forthcoming Budget is out of the way, and once the EEC referendum is decided, then will be the time to start the wheels moving again.

That said, let me hasten to point out that all is not gloom. The North-east is in a special development area and the Northern Industrial Development Board at its January meeting agreed to give government assistance to 18 projects which were expected to provide 1,200 new jobs over the next three years. Mr Charles Herzberg, regional industrial director at the Department of Industry, was moved to observe: "It is heartening to be getting so many cases before the board in the present atmosphere."

Incoming industry is constantly encouraged in Tyne and Wear, not only by the local authority but also by the Department of Industry's English Industrial Estates Corporation which has its national headquarters at Gateshead in the heart of Tyne and Wear. The EIEC admits things are not quite as busy as they were but it is "very optimistic" for the future, encouraged not least by the unemployment situation which it believes is now being stabilized.

Fourteen advance factories within the Tyne-Wear area alone have just either been completed, or are in the process of being built or are planned by the corporation. They are at the Team Valley Industrial Estate, at Houghton-le-Spring, West Chirton, Jarrow, Newcastle and Sunderland. Most are factories of 15,000 sq ft and the corporation likes to see a density of at least three or four employees to 1,000 sq ft of factory space.

Major developments are always under discussion with overseas companies, but again the position of Britain and the Community is an important influence particularly with those companies from North America. Prime considerations among overseas industrialists are labour supply and communications. They do not worry a great deal about labour unrest because generally they are confident that they can make their workers happy.

In the present financial climate, government aid is becoming *more* and more important to British industrialists wishing to develop. Incidentally, each advance factory is provided with sufficient area for substantial expansion which is constantly encouraged.

Bearing in mind the improved employment situation, the level of inquiries from new industries, the advance factory programme, the promise of an influx of office jobs from the dispersal of Civil Service posts, to say nothing of North Sea oil benefits, the Tyne and Wear county area may look with a certain amount of confidence to a more stable and more prosperous future.

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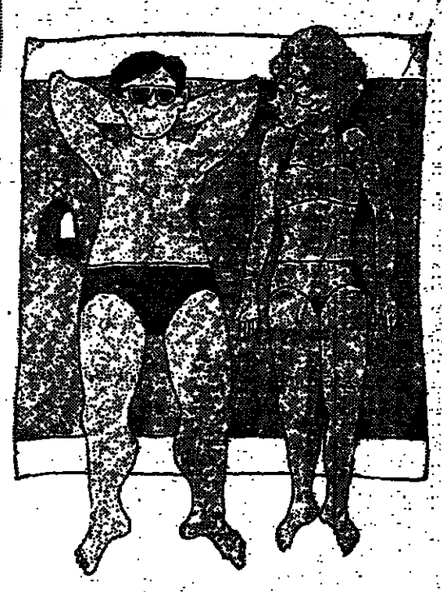
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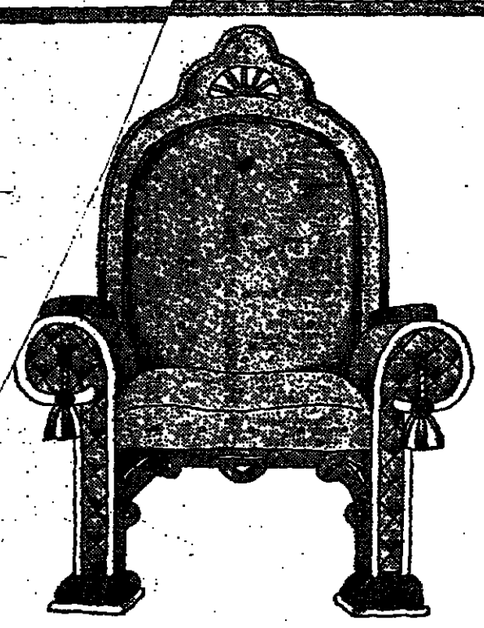
"It's always raining in the North East isn't it?"
In fact, rainfall figures in the Tyne and Wear area are no higher than the South East.
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We have to inform you that there's less fog, less snow, less thunder. Also, no one lives more than 30 minutes drive away from coast or country.



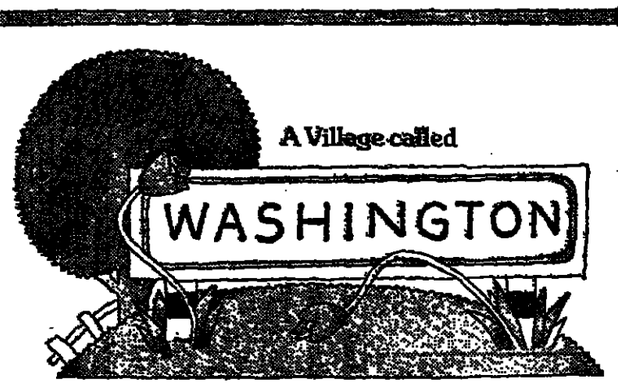
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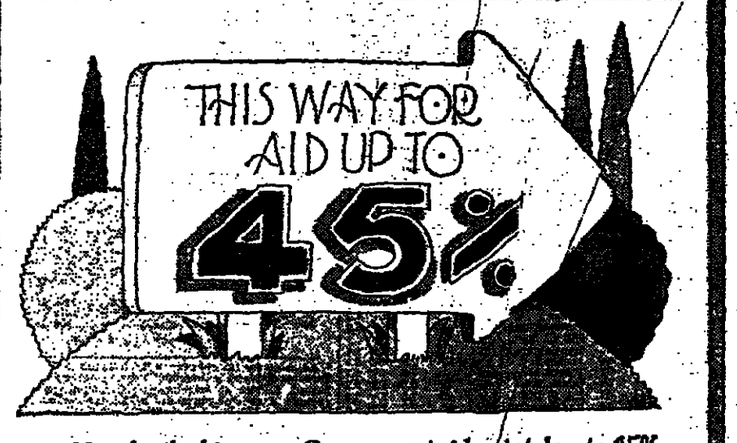


Just to make sure we keep everything bright and beautiful, we've set up a Chair at Newcastle University on environmental pollution, the first in Europe.



Actually, it's a collection of villages, the nicest way our town planners could think of letting people live together.
Anyone who thinks the North East is all slagheaps and dockyards should come and see this.
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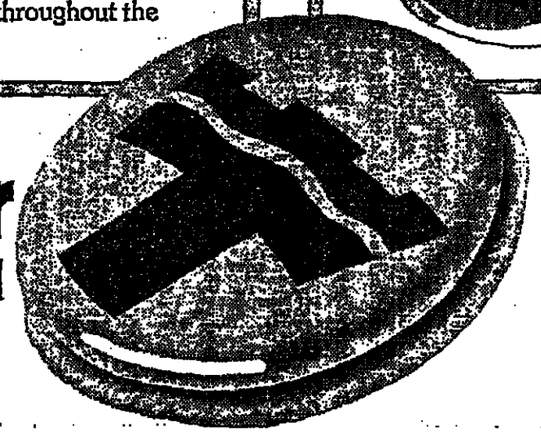
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1974/75 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
98 9/16	95 7/16	Treas	8½%	1975	98 9/16	..	8.005	8.856
97 15/16	90¼	Savings	3%	1965-75	97 15/16	+1/16	3.063	9.062
97½	89¾	Exch	6½%	1976	97¼	+1/16	6.680	9.145
96¾	88	Treas	6½%	1976	96¾	+1/16	6.763	9.637
98⅛	95	Victory	4%	1976	98	..	4.082	9.137
100 11/32	94⅛	Treas	10½%	1976	100 11/16	+1/16	10.402	9.942
93⅛	84½	Treas	6¼%	1977	93¾	+⅛	6.670	9.904
90½	81½	Elec	3%	1974-77	90½	+⅛	3.320	8.507
103 7/16	95⅜	Treas	11½%	1977	103 5/16	+1/16	11.131	9.924
85 13/16	84 7/16	Treas	3%	1977	85¾	..	3.498	9.268
87½	78¼	Trans	4%	1972-77	87¼	+⅛	4.594	9.546
96 5/16	89¼	Treas	9%	1978	96¼	+⅛	9.309	10.333
99 15/16	96	Treas	10¼%	1978	99 15/16	+1/16	10.578	10.734
89¼	78	Exch	5½%	1976-78	89¼	+⅛	6.895	9.811
79⅛	69½	Treas	3%	1979	78¼	+⅛	3.834	9.052
102⅛	94¼	Treas	11½%	1979	102⅛	+⅛	11.247	10.774
80⅛	69¼	Elec	4½%	1974-79	80⅛	+⅛	5.283	9.622
99½	95½	Treas	10½%	1979	99¼	..	10.580	10.706
79½	67½	Elec	3½%	1976-79	79	+⅛	4.486	9.512
95	81½	Treas Cnv 9%		1980	93⅛	+⅛	9.509	10.665
84½	69⅛	Fund	5½%	1978-80	83⅜	+¼	6.444	9.905
79	64⅛	Treas	3½%	1977-80	77¾	+⅛	4.507	9.420
75½	61½	Treas	3½%	1979-81	74⅛	+⅛	4.763	9.806
91	72½	Treas	8¼%	1980-82	90¼	+¼	9.628	10.989
104⅛	88¾	Treas	12%	1983	103¾	+¼	11.788	11.509
78	58	Fund	5½%	1982-84	76½	+¼	7.310	9.768
85¾	61¾	Treas	8½%	1984-86	84¾	+¼	10.344	11.343
73¾	51⅛	Fund	6½%	1985-87	69	+¼	9.345	11.185
76¾	53	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	74⅛	+¼	10.605	11.593
44¼	32⅛	Trans	3%	1978-88	44⅛	+⅛	6.897	11.337
56⅝	39⅛	Treas	5%	1986-89	53⅛	..	9.353	11.759
75½	53⅛	Treas	8%	1987-90	73½	+¼	11.574	12.519
58	41⅛	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	53⅛	+¼	10.684	12.488
97½	95⅛	Treas	12½%	1993	96⅛	+¼	13.097	13.166
57⅛	40⅛	Fund	6%	1993	52	+¼	11.631	12.954
76⅛	54⅛	Treas	9%	1994	73⅛	+¼	12.928	13.422
40½	25⅛	Rdmptn	3%	1986-96	31⅛	+¼	9.620	11.940
37⅛	24⅛	Gas	3%	1990-95	32	+¼	9.323	12.020
102	75	Treas	13¼%	1995	99⅛	+¼	13.444	13.488
77⅛	54⅛	Treas	9%	1992-96	69⅛	+¼	13.114	13.534
59⅛	40⅛	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	51⅛	+¼	12.909	13.545
73½	53⅛	Treas	9½%	1997	66⅛	+¼	13.271	13.313
77⅛	54⅛	Treas	9½%	1999	72⅛	+¼	13.440	13.636
34⅛	21⅛	Fund	3½%	1999-04	29⅛	+¼	12.096	12.929
57⅛	46⅛	Treas	8%	2002-06	59⅛	+¼	13.383	13.528
48⅛	32⅛	Treas	5½%	2008-12	41	+¼	13.565	13.693
63⅛	43⅛	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	57⅛	+¼	13.850	13.895
31⅛	22⅛	Consols	4%		28	+¼	14.151	..
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24½	17⅛	Treas	3%		21⅛	+¼	14.223	..
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High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
85¼	73¼	Aust	5½%	76-78	83¾	• ..	6.586	12.250
77¾	65½	Aust	5½%	77-80	77½	+¼	7.222	12.315
69	58½	Aust	5½%	81-82	68¾	+¼	7.997	12.320
69¼	56½	Aust	6%	81-83	69	+¼	8.962	12.321
93¼	83	Aust	6%	74-76	92	• ..	6.517	11.788
77¾	67½	Aust	7%	79-81	77¼	..	9.072	12.271
100	84	Berlin	4½%	Ass	84	..	..	..
95	92	Chilean Mixed			95	..	..	..
50¼	52	E Africa	5¾%	77-83	56½	..	10.114	15.147
193	189	German	4½%	1930	192	..	..	..
27½	23	Hungary	4½%	1924	23	..	..	..
76	59¼	Ireland	7½%	81-83	73¾	..	..	..
80	72½	Jamaica	7¾%	77-79	80	..	9.380	14.793
154	84	Japan Ass	4%	1910	152	..	..	..
62½	46	Japan	6%	83-88	54	..	..	..
60	53½	Kenya	5%	78-82	58½	..	8.634	15.078
76	64	Malaya	7½%	78-82	76	..	10.000	12.906
77	67¼	N Z	6%	76-80	77	..	7.837	12.608
96½	85½	N Z	6%	75-76	95¼	..	6.317	11.912
62¼	44	N Z	7½%	88-92	56½	..	13.536	13.730
70	54	N Z	7½%	83-86	69	-½	11.213	13.303
74	64½	N Rhd	6%	78-81	74	..	8.243	12.846
71½	61½	Nyasa	6%	78-81	71½	..	8.532	13.630
110	80	Peru	6%	Ass	110	..	..	..
93½	83½	S A Gov	5½%	74-76	93½	+¼	..	..
45	16	S Rhd	2½%	65-70	37	+4	..	..
37	16	S Rhd	4½%	87-92	26	+3	..	..
55	24	S Rhd	6%	78-81	46	+3	..	..
55	49	Spanish	4%		55	..	..	..
62	55	Tang	5½%	78-82	60¼	..	9.375	15.374
74	61	Uruguay	3½%		71	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
24¼	15½	L C C	3%	1920	20¼	..	14.622	..
64	50	L C C	5%	80-83	63¼	-½	7.890	12.598
73½	59¼	L C C	5½%	77-81	70½	-½	7.825	12.351
64	48¼	L C C	5½%	82-84	62¾	-½	8.928	12.694
58½	39¼	L C C	5½%	85-87	56½	-½	10.025	13.005
85½	74	L C C	6%	76-78	85	..	7.058	12.405
79½	68	L C C	6%	76-79	78½	..	7.640	12.516
61	42	L C C	6½%	88-90	59½	-½	11.833	13.489
94	83½	G L C	6½%	1976	94	..	7.175	11.683
90½	80	G L C	6½%	1977	90¼	..	7.198	12.405
62	42	G L C	6½%	90-92	58	-½	12.228	13.628
89¼	79½	G L C	6½%	1977	89½	..	8.092	12.519
90	73	G L C	9%	80-82	80	-1	11.123	12.597
84¼	73¼	C of L	6½%	75-78	84	..	7.738	12.509
73½	57½	C of L	6½%	80-82	71	-1	9.197	12.868
73½	56¾	Ag Mt	7½%	81-84	69	-½	11.291	13.844
66¼	45	Ag Mt	7½%	91-93	59	-½	13.191	14.124
59	40½	Ag Mt	6½%	85-90	52½	-½	12.709	14.465
75½	67	Belfast	6½%	77-80	72½	-½	8.900	12.945
81¼	70½	Brighton	6½%	76-79	81¼	..	8.014	12.536
97¼	94¼	Bristol	7%	74-75	97¼	..	7.153	10.855
96½	87	Bucks	5½%	1975	96¼	..	5.334	10.506
81½	73	Camden	6½%	77-79	81½	..	7.971	12.587
77	62	Croydon	6½%	78-81	77	..	9.056	12.872
82	71¼	Edin	6½%	77-79	82	..	7.922	13.513
89¼	69¼	Glasgow	9¼%	80-82	87	-½	11.082	12.734
84½	74	Gwich	6½%	76-78	84¼	..	8.004	12.467
89	79½	Herts	6½%	75-77	88½	..	7.602	12.483
97¼	86½	Liverpl	5½%	71-75	97¼	..	5.614	10.456
89	78¼	Liverpl	7%	76-77	89½	..	7.878	12.485
27½	18¼	Met Water B			23½	-¼	12.914	13.997
71¼	58¼	N I	6½%	80-82	68½	..	9.330	15.680
69½	48	N I	7%	82-84	62½	..	11.672	16.350
64½	53¼	N I Elec	6½%	81-83	62½	..	10.483	14.852
85	74¼	Notts	6½%	76-78	84½	..	7.980	13.853
78½	67½	Stnend	5½%	77-79	78½	..	6.672	12.504
66	48¼	Swark	6½%	83-86	65¼	-½	10.776	13.150
80	65¼	Surrey	6%	78-80	78¼	..	7.348	12.567

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
Investment Dollar Premium 85¼% (87¼%).							
Premium Conversion Factor 0.5864.							

FOREIGN STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
42	19¼	Bayer	£39¼	..	136	3.4	22.6
13	5 13/16	Commerzbank	£13	..	30.4	2.3	34.2
29	12¼	Cp Fn Paris	£29	+¼	81.4	2.8	15.1
50	28	EBES	£46	..	172	3.7	..
40	23¼	Ericsson	£36	..	52.9	1.5	20.6
41	27	Finsider	38	..	..	..	..
26½	13	Granges	£26½	+½	116	4.4	9.2
485	200	Hoechst	435	..	14.3	3.3	25.3
85	43	Montecatini E	75	-6	..	..	..
20	11½	NEFO NV	£20	..	86.2	4.3	23.0
587	312	Robeco fl.5	491	-2	22.1	4.5	37.1
357	202	Rolinco Subs fl 5	340	..	3.2	1.0	58.8
240	130	Snia Viscosa	180	-10	4.9	2.7	..
510	210	Thyssen-Huette	485	-5	12.5	2.6	16.1
36	15½	Volkswagen	£33	..	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10¼	6½	Brascan	£8 7/16	-½	41.9	4.7	5.4
971½	360	BP Canada	825	-5	..	..	..
12¼	6½	Can Pac Ord	£10 15/16	-¼	37.2	3.4	10.6
10	5¼	El Paso	£8 15/16	-¼	41.7	4.7	16.5
57½	35¼	Exxon Corp	£50¾	..	..	..	..
21½	10¼	Fluor	£20¾	+½	16.5	0.8	22.7
28	14¼	Hollinger	£19¾	-¼	..	..	..
27¼	11¼	Hud Bay Oil	£16 9/16	-¼	28.9	1.8	30.9
13¼	8	Husky Oil	£10 9/16	-¼	..	..	..
795	425	Int Hldgs	730	..	21.2	2.9	..
27½	13 ⅛	Int Nickel	£17½	-¼	68.1	3.9	10.3
11⅝	5 ⅛	IU Int	£7 15/16	-½	35.7	4.5	8.1
16½	8¼	Kaiser Alum	£16½	+½	50.7	3.1	..
12⅝	7¼	Massey-Ferg	£10 9/16	-¼	41.3	3.8	7.0
19½	8¼	Pacific Petrol	£12¾	-¼	..	..	..
840	445	Pan Canadian	762	-3	..	..	..
138	51	Steep Rock	82	+1	..	..	..
835	475	Trans Can P	740	-15	..	..	..
42¼	19½	US Steel	£40¼	-¼	..	..	..
335	330	White Pass	415	..	15.3	3.7	7.9
19¼	10	Zapata Corp	£17¾	+½	24.8	1.4	10.2

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
233	130	Alexs Discount	200	..	16.3	8.2	9.5
400	200	Allen H & Ross	315	..	20.2	6.4	5.9
350	95	Arb-Latham	170	..	10.5	6.2	8.1
416	110	Aust & NZ	293	+3	13.6	4.6	5.5
37½	30	Bk Hapoalim	30	..	0.7	2.2	12.4
410	175	Bk of Ireland	410	+20	20.0	4.9	4.6
33	22	Bk Leumi Israel	24	..	1.1	4.6	4.6
315	180	Bk Leumi UK	220	..	10.8	4.9	15.8
740	240	Bk of NSW	550	-15	17.4	3.2	12.4
31⅝	17¼	Bk of N Scotia	£28 9/16	-¼	59.4	2.1	30.2
285	103	Bk of Scotland	205	• ..	12.4	6.0	7.1
39⅝	18¼	Bnks Trst NY	£24¾	-1	124	5.1	8.6
340	110	Barclays Bank	242	+10	12.4	5.1	6.5
198	17	Bates E Hldgs	58	..	..	..	5.7
285	65	Brown Shipley	163	..	10.5b	6.5	7.6
80	14	Burston Grp	18	f ..	5.0	27.8	2.0
275	93	Cater Ryder	225	+5	11.0	4.9	..
13	13	Cedar Hldgs	13	f ..	2.0	15.4	6.6
31⅛	16¼	Chase Man	£22¾	-¼	93.1	4.2	10.2
27¾	14¼	Citicorp	£23¼	..	36.3	..	21.9
295	105	Com Bk of Aust	230	-5	7.9	3.4	13.1
245	100	Com Bk of Syd	168	-2	7.6	4.5	10.1
23¼	13¼	CC De France	£22¼	..	103	4.5	19.3
41	3½	First Nat Fin	6½	..	2.9	44.2	0.9
20	6	Fraser Ans	17	+3	1.1b	6.5	11.6
300	175	Gerrard & Nat	285	+2	17.0	6.0	16.2
70	22	Gibbs A.	34	..	2.6	7.8	11.1
160	55	Gillett Bros	145	+5	10.0	6.9	3.3
175	55	Guinness Peat	127	-1	10.6b	8.4	6.4
34	6	Hambros £10	£15	..	109b	7.2	..
330	60	Do Ord	200	+5	10.9b	5.4	7.6
112	24	Hill Samuel	77	+2	4.9	6.4	7.2
242	84½	Hong K & Shang	206	+2	4.6	2.2	27.9
315	220	Israel Brit	220	f ..	15.0	6.8	4.5
83	40	Jessel Toynbee	78	..	5.2	6.7	..
220	32	Keyser Ullmann	73	+5	7.2	9.9	3.8
65	28	King & Shaxson	60	..	4.3	7.2	17.9
124	33	Kleinwort Ben	106	+2	4.8	4.5	12.5
267	92	Lloyds Bank	195	+1	10.4	5.3	6.7
113	34	Mercury Secs	111	+3	3.9	3.5	9.3
315	126½	Midland	218	+3	16.1	7.4	4.2
61	12½	Minster Assets	37	..	3.9	10.6	9.1
210	33	Nat & Grind	52	..	4.9	9.5	8.4
280	114	Nat of Aust	230	-2	7.6	3.3	12.1
83½	24	Nat Com Bk Grp	58	+2	3.0	5.2	6.6
310	90	Nat W'minster	210	+7	12.0	5.7	6.4
39¼	18½	Ottoman	£26	-½	140	5.4	18.7
135	80	Rea Bros	95	..	2.7	2.9	16.2
23 9/16	15¼	Royal of Can	£21⅞	-¼	47.6	2.2	27.7
445	100	Schroders	375	• ..	13.0	3.5	19.2
310	170	Seccombe Mar	290	+15	19.7	6.8	18.5
165	29	Slater Walker	94	+4	7.9	8.4	8.0
110	33	Smith St Aubyn	70	..	3.7	5.3	..
443	150	Stand'd & Chart	390	+5	19.3	4.9	7.2
325	150	Union Discount	305	+8	24.0	7.8	6.5
95	41	Wintrust	56	..	4.4	7.8	4.8

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
78½	31	Allied	60	..	4.5	7.6	10.1
117	41	Bass Charrgton	89	+1	5.5	6.2	10.2
215	70	Bell A	97	..	7.6	7.8	4.7
86	33	Boddingtons	70	+1	4.0	5.7	10.3
82	27	Brown M.	55	..	3.9	7.1	9.0
77	22	Burtonwood	45	-2	3.4	7.6	5.8
109	40	Cameron J.W.	63	..	4.4	7.0	7.5
44	20	C of Ldn Dfd	37	+1	2.8b	7.7	18.0
165	60	Devenish	92	-3	6.7	7.3	7.3
152	63	Distillers	124	+7	7.6	6.1	10.8
68	22	Greenall	46	+6	3.0	6.5	9.0
170	75	Greene King	120	..	6.1	5.1	10.2
122	57	Guinness	101	+3	10.6b	10.5	7.9
98	48	Hardys & H'sons	80	..	7.0	8.8	9.0
152	63	Highland	117	..	7.0	6.0	11.1
34	16	Invergordon	26	+1	2.5	9.7	6.4
93	34	Irish Distillers	60	+6	3.3	5.4	8.2
153	53	Long John Int	95	+3	6.6	6.9	8.9
46	17	Marston	27	-1	2.1	7.6	7.1
390	95	Morland & Co	225	..	14.2	6.3	13.1
74½	23	Scot & Newcastle	50	+1½	3.6	7.2	10.5
26¼	16	Seagram	£21¼	-¼	33.8	1.6	21.9
125	51	SA Breweries	102	-1	5.2	5.1	10.4
340	85	Teacher	210	+5	12.7	5.8	11.5
165	45	Tollemache	103	+3	5.2	5.1	16.8
95	40	Tomatin	62	+1	4.3	6.8	6.4
270	102	Vaux	205	+10	18.6b	9.1	8.3
78½	31½	Whitbread 'A'	58½	+1	4.1	7.1	9.8
79½	33½	Do B	58½	+2	4.1	7.1	9.8
110	46	Whitbread Inv	92	..	8.2	8.9	17.2
155	54	Wolverhampton	94	..	6.5	6.9	9.2

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
176	48	AAH	104	+1	12.0	11.5	5.4
103	22	AB Electronic	35	• ..	6.1	17.5	2.4
43	36	AC Cars	42	..	1.3	3.1	16.2
84	43	AD Intl	77	..	3.3	4.3	7.8
66	15	AGB Research	40	+1	3.1	7.8	6.7
200	83	APV Hldgs	190	• +3	13.0	6.8	7.2
60	21	AVP Ind	51½	+½	3.2a	6.2	4.9
50	13	Aaronson Bros	37	+1	2.2	6.1	9.6
51	14	Abbey Panels	26	..	4.0	15.4	2.6
101½	40	Acrow	63	..	5.2b	8.3	10.0
74½	22½	Do A	51	-3	5.2b	10.2	8.1
38	14	Adams Food	15	..	1.3	8.9	7.6
30	5	Adda Int	15	+1	..	..	5.8
150	57	Adwest Group	103	..	8.8	8.6	5.7
48	8	Aeron't & Gen.	13	..	1.5	11.5	6.3
115	68	Airfix Ind	93	..	4.0	4.3	10.8
66	17½	Do NV	47½	+½	4.0	8.5	5.6
80	15	Albright & W	73	+3½	5.3	7.3	..
79	55	Alcan 10½%	£72	..	1050	14.6	..
93½	54	Do 9% Cnv	£74	..	900	12.2	..
41	25	Allen E.	34	+3	4.6a	10.5	4.1
49	12	Allen W. G.	28	..	3.5	12.4	7.2
37½	14½	Alliance Alders	25	+1	1.7	6.7	6.8
120	28	Allied Colloids	63	..	2.1	3.3	19.0
27	9	Allied Plant	20	-1½	1.1	5.8	5.1
71	30	Allied Polymer	75	+1	6.2	8.3	8.4
41	7	Alpine Hldgs	12	+½	..	..	3.4
182	133	Amal Metal	170	+2	18.0	10.6	1.9
70	15	Amal Power	40½	+½	4.1	10.2	3.7
44½	16	Amber Day	32	..	2.2	6.8	4.3
11	6½	Amber Ind Hldgs	7	..	0.6	7.9	3.6
54	24	Anchor Chem	44	..	5.2	11.8	6.1
196	32	Anderson Strath	140	..	12.1	8.7	7.3
700	325	Anglo Amer Ind	650	..	35.5	5.5	9.1
41	24	Ang Swiss Hldgs	39	..	4.7	12.1	8.4
133	32½	Anglo-Thai Corp	121	+8	2.0	1.6	5.8
35	13	Anglowest	25	..	2.4	9.7	10.7
51	30	Appleyard	34	• +1	5.5	16.1	5.2
37½	10½	Aquascutum 'A'	17½	+½	1.5	8.9	5.3
75	29	Arlington Mtr	61	..	8.8b	14.4	5.3
104	27	Armitage Shanks	64	+4	9.2	14.4	6.5
43	13	Armst Equip	41	+4	2.4	5.9	7.1
50	20	Ash Spinning	35	..	5.4	15.5	2.9
58	20	Asprey 9½% Pf	38	..	6.3	16.4	..
64	13	Ass Biscuit	46	+2	3.3	7.0	6.8
53	16	Do A	44	+4	3.3	7.4	6.4
16	3½	Ass Brit Eng	5	..	..	..	..
54	21½	Ass Brit Food	54	+2	2.2	4.1	9.6
47½	17½	Ass Engineer	44	+½	5.0	11.4	7.0
48	25	Ass Fisheries	38	+½	3.3	13.5	3.2
37½	9½	Ass Leisure	20	+½	3.2	15.8	5.3
166	82	Ass News	117	+10	6.2	5.3	7.7
37	18	Ass Paper	32	+1	3.1	9.6	2.9
150	61	Ass Port Cement	132	• ..	10.4	7.9	12.7
73	22	Ass Tel 'A'	40	+1	6.8	17.0	4.6
75	17	Ass Tooling	28	..	2.8a	10.0	3.3
26	12	Astbury & Mdley	16	..	1.2	7.6	4.7
120	58	Atlas Stone	62	..	6.8	11.0	5.6
35	14	Attwood Garage	14	..	2.2	15.4	4.5
66	18	Audiotronic	36	+1	6.5	18.1	4.2
33½	13	Ault & Wiborg	28½	..	3.2	12.7	6.8
15	6½	Aurora Hldgs	11	..	1.0	9.1	4.7
55	33	Austin E.	38	..	4.1	10.9	2.6
50	12	Automotive Pd	27½	+1½	2.1	7.8	3.7
93	41½	Averys	80	..	6.2a	7.7	8.9
121	39	Avon Rubber	68	+10	12.8	18.8	5.1
41	17	BBA Grp	38	..	3.6	9.5	7.3
100	43	BPB Ind	86½	+3½	8.0	9.3	5.1
23½	4	BSG Int	10¼	..	..e	..	3.9
105	21	BSR Ltd	51	+2	3.2	6.3	4.8
93½	33½	BTR Ltd	81½	+6	5.1	6.3	9.8
73	36	Babcock & W	72	+6	2.7b	3.7	8.6
90	18	Bacal Const	18	f ..	..e	..	2.0
35	17	Baggeridge Brk	20	..	2.7	13.3	5.3
12	4¼	Bailey C H. Ord	7¾	..	0.3	3.3	4.0
98	29	Baird W.	76	• +1	11.5	15.1	5.0
67	16	Baker Perkins	42	+3	4.7	11.2	4.8
52	19	Bambergers	35	+1	3.3	9.5	3.0
17	3½	Barker & Dobson	5	+½	..e	..	5.4
304	172	Barlow Rand	255	..	12.4	4.9	7.4
75	11	Barr & Wallace	33	..	4.2	12.7	4.2
70	11	Do A	31	..	4.2	13.5	3.9
97	34	Barratt Devs	97	+6	9.0b	9.2	4.8
48	19	Barrow Hepbn	40	+3	4.0	9.9	4.6
38½	16	Barton & Sons	34	• -2	3.7	10.9	5.4
88	19	Bassett G.	55	+1	5.7	10.4	6.5
40½	17½	Bath & P'land	35	+1	3.7	10.5	5.6
135	57	Baxter Fell	88	..	7.3a	8.3	3.1
51	24	Beales J.	32	..	4.3	13.3	4.0
92	30	Beatson Clark	54	• -3	5.8	10.7	8.4
32	11	Beauford Grp	24	..	3.8	15.9	4.2
290	35	Beaverbrook	60	..	0.5e	0.8	..
76	12	Do A	26	+1	0.5e	1.9	..
54	27	Beckman A.	40	+1	6.7	16.9	4.8
271	110	Beecham Grp	225	+8	7.3	3.2	11.1
109	42	Bejam Grp	88	+3	4.9	5.5	16.4
43	12	Bemrose Corp	30	+3	3.2a	10.7	3.6
40	12	Benn Bros	18	..	2.4	13.5	4.4
113	35	Bensons Int	100	-6	5.8	5.8	6.6
145	57	Berisf'ds S. & W.	128	+8	8.3	6.5	6.1
35	15	Berisfords	30	+4	2.0	6.6	4.0
41	16	Berwick Timpo	28	+1	2.1	7.5	3.6
122	69½	Bestobell	105	+2	10.5	10.0	4.9
129	30	Bibby J.	75	• -1	7.4	9.9	6.9
40	19	Billam J.	36	..	4.3	12.1	6.3
52	16	Birmid Qualcst	43	+2½	5.1	11.8	7.9
90	17	Birm'gham Mint	31	..	..e	..	1.9
42½	15	Birm Post 'A'	28	+1	3.4	12.2	6.3
112	90	Bishops Stores	112	..	2.8	2.3	13.6
82	33	Do A NV	55	..	2.6	4.8	6.7
163	53	Black & Edg'ton	105	+1	7.7	7.4	7.0
30	9	Blackman & C	12½	..	2.2	17.3	3.6
95½	30	Blackwd Hodge	91	+3½	4.6b	5.1	7.4
34½	11½	Blackwood Mt	14½	+½	..e	..	4.1
109	38	Blagden & N	100	..	7.7	7.7	4.0
96	33	Bluemel Bros	25	..	3.7	14.8	4.3
51	26	Blundell Perm	45	+3	4.6	10.2	3.6
16	3½	Boardman K. O.	8	..	1.2	15.1	3.4
14	8½	Bodycote	13	+½	0.9	6.5	8.5
20	7	Bolton Textile	11	+½	1.8	16.8	3.6
50	30	Bonas Webb	28	..	..e	..	5.1
135	58	Booker McCon	126	-1	8.1	6.4	9.0
143	30	B'sey & Hwkes	60	..	5.3b	8.7	6.0
89	53	Boot H.	80	..	9.7	10.9	3.9
216	90	Boots	192	+6	8.4	3.3	11.8
37	15	Boulton W.	12	..	1.4	11.8	5.8
164	51	Bowater Corp	118	+6	10.0	8.5	6.5
45	15	Bowthrpe Hldgs	25	..	1.8	4.8	7.4
44½	13	Brady Leslie	32	..	4.4b	13.8	2.5
70	40	Brady G.	50	+4	7.3	14.6	4.1
60	29	Do A	43	+1	7.3	16.2	4.0
45	20	Braid Grp	12	..	1.6	13.1	4.7
125	28	Braithwaite	65	..	8.8	13.6	5.9
84	35	Brasway	55	..	3.8	5.4	2.9
80	35	Bremner	33	..	4.5	13.7	5.5
65	23	Brent Chem Int	65	+4	1.5	2.3	15.8
35	12	Brickhouse Dud	21	..	2.5	11.7	6.0
130	55	Bridon	118	• +4	8.2b	6.9	11.5
57	40	Brierleys	44	f ..	3.2	7.2	10.3
26	15½	Bright J. Grp	19½	+½	3.0	15.3	5.3
13	3½	Bristol Plant	7¾	..	0.9	11.7	3.2
326	150	Brit Am Tob	306	+6	15.6b	5.1	6.5
71	30	Brit Car Auctn	45	+3	3.3	7.4	9.3
32	2	Brit Enkalon	15	• +½	0.4	2.5	8.2
282	131	Brit Home Strs	282	+8	10.5	3.7	17.7
40	13	Brit Ind Hldgs	17	..	2.1	12.3	4.2
137	58	BICC	115	+5	9.9	8.6	6.6
21½	5½	BLMC	7¼	..	..	..	..
43	14	Brit Mohair	23½	• -1½	3.4	14.4	7.0
48½	16½	Brit Oxygen	41	+2	3.3	8.1	6.4
46	15½	Brit Printing	40½	• +1	4.8	11.7	4.1
41½	13	Brit Rollmakers	25½	..	3.4b	13.2	8.8
79	33	Brit Sim Spec	61	+1	6.6	10.8	7.6
455	155	Brit Sugar	295	..	11.8	4.0	4.4
88	13	Brit Tar Prod	24	..	2.0b	8.3	4.2
29	15	Brit Vita	44	..	5.1	11.7	3.0
40	19	Brittains	34½	+3	4.5	13.0	3.4
180	32	Brockhouse J.	135	+5	16.5	10.6	5.6
74½	15	Brocks Grp	40	..	3.8	9.5	4.5
805	324	Broken Hill	565	• -20	16.3	2.9	18.8
54	15	Brook St Bur	34	+3	5.7	16.8	2.6
51	22	Brooke Bond	36	• +2	3.3	9.4	..
26	9	Brooke Tool	17	..	..	..	..
85	26	Brotherhood P.	37	..	5.5a	15.4	6.4
80	33	Brown & Tawse	52	+4	2.8	5.5	4.4
30	9	BBK	13½	..	..	..	..
35	13	Brown Bros Cp	8¾	+½	0.8	9.1	5.9
131	41	Brown J.	100	+4	14.2	14.2	8.0
62	19	Brown N. Inv	27	..	3.1b	11.6	3.7
38	26	Browlea Hldgs	26	..	2.1	8.0	8.0
100	43	Bruntons	80	• -1	8.0	10.0	7.8
35	10	Bryant Hldgs	21	+1	2.6	12.2	3.9
11	1½	Budge Bros	1¾	f ..	1.0b	55.4	2.0
71	29	Bullough Ltd	49	..	6.4	13.0	4.0
110	37	Bulmer & Lumb	18	..	3.4	18.9	4.7
68	35	Bunzl Pulp	53	..	5.5	6.7	5.6
62	19	Burco Dean	30	+2	4.2	7.8	3.6
70	14	Burgess Prod	34	• +3	4.9	14.5	6.0
48	24	Burnett H'shire	42	+3	3.8	9.1	4.5
47	21	Do A NV	40	+2	3.8	9.8	4.3
35	14	Burns And'son	19	• ..	1.7	8.7	4.3
15¾	5¼	Burrell & Co	10½	+¼	0.8a	8.0	6.7
300	135	Burt Boulton	160	..	13.9	8.7	3.0
128	30	Burton Grp	65	-2	6.6	10.1	34.2
113	28	Do A	62	-2	6.6	10.6	31.7
48	24	Bury & Masco	33	• -3	5.8	17.6	5.0
17	4	Business Com	4	f ..	0.7b	17.5	0.9
34½	9	Butterfld-Harvy	21	..	2.7	12.8	32.3

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110	21	CCH Inv	32	..	..e	..	4.3
26½	10	CGSB Hldgs	12	..	1.5	12.5	3.9
59	20	Cadbury Sch	42½	+4	3.4	8.0	8.5
111	33	Caffyns	53	..	6.7	12.6	6.2
52	45	C'bread Rober	52	..	1.6	3.1	16.3
35	9	Campari	27	+2	2.7b	9.8	9.6
62	18	Camrex Hldgs	38	+3	4.1	10.9	8.3
96	34	Cape Ind	74	• -2	8.4	11.4	4.6
68½	22	Caplan Profile	43	..	6.0	14.0	4.5
48½	16	Capper Neill	39	-½	3.6	9.2	9.5
53	6	Caravans Int	11	..	..e	..	68.8
40	15½	Carclo Eng	29	..	3.2	11.1	6.8
47	17	Carless Capel	45	+5	1.1	2.4	7.5
80	26	Carlton Ind	44	-1	5.9	13.3	3.5
93	32	Carpets Int	66	..	7.6	11.8	3.2
33½	15	Carr J. (Don)	27	+3	2.1	7.7	4.7
29½	9	Carr'ron Viy	20½	..	2.6	12.6	6.5
68	32	Casket S Hldgs	36	..	2.7	7.5	3.9
50	25	Catalin	37	+8	3.1	8.4	3.9
43	8½	Causton Sir J.	13½	+1½	2.5	18.4	7.8
149	40	Cavenham	101	+1	5.5	5.4	..
195	45	Cawoods	128	+1	8.1	6.3	9.1
15	7¼	Celestion	9½	..	0.5	5.3	4.8
70	29	Cement Rdstone	66	• +2	4.8	7.2	6.1
50½	18½	Central Man	50½	+1½	3.0	5.5	5.3
48	21½	Central Wagon	36	+½	3.1	8.5	5.1
52	12	Centre Hotels	27	..	1.7	6.4	5.6
57	13	Centreway Secs	18	..	2.8	15.8	2.9
32	13	Century Secs	18	..	3.0	16.4	2.9
53	22	Ch'mbn & Hill	35	+5	2.8	8.0	7.0
50	6	Chamberl'n Grp	20	-2	2.3	11.7	6.2
34	18½	Chamb Phipps	29	+1	2.4	8.3	7.3
68	20	Change Wares	34	..	4.7	13.8	4.7
50	10	Charles D.	28½	+1½	1.9	4.8	6.0
37	12	Char'ton G'dner	27	..	3.8	13.9	6.1
98	37	Chloride Grp	89	+2	5.0b	5.7	9.4
86	21½	Christies Int	41½	+1½	3.7b	8.8	7.8
89	33	Chubb & Sons	67	+3	4.0	6.0	9.2
160	60	Church & Co	92	+2	8.0	8.7	4.0
122	50	Do A	88	..	8.0	9.1	3.8
15½	6½	Cleo Hldgs	7	..	..e	..	11.3
56	20	Clark & Fenn	40	..	2.1a	7.8	5.2
76½	24	Clarke Chapman	71	+3½	5.6	7.9	7.4
52	20	Clarke Clem.	40	..	2.8	7.0	8.0
66	24	Clayton Dewan	66	• +3	7.6	11.5	6.6
130	80	Clough-A.	80	..	3.4	4.3	7.1
25	7¼	Coalite & Chem	17½	..	0.9	5.2	18.0
66	23	Coates Bros	47	..	2.7	5.6	5.7
53	22	Do A	42	-1	2.7	6.3	5.1
59½	24	Coats Patons	44½	+1½	3.9	8.8	4.9
54	26	Cohen 600	51½	+2½	4.5	8.6	6.0
65	39	Cole R. H.	65	..	4.7	7.2	4.5
43	19	Collett D'son	28	+1	3.5	12.5	3.7
62	6½	Collier S.	6½	f ..	0.4	5.8	4.5
168	45	Collins W.	78	• -2	5.2	6.8	8.6
168	45	Do A	76	• -2	5.2	6.8	8.8
21	9½	Coltness Grp	11½	..	2.0	17.0	3.3
42	10	Comben Grp	23	..	4.2a	18.2	7.3
77½	20	Comb Eng Strs	62	• +1	3.7	6.0	7.1
60	12	Comet Radiov'n	29	+4	4.0	13.8	8.7
73	29	CompAir	57½	+1	4.1	7.1	7.5
52	23	Compton Ptnrs	30	..	4.7	15.7	2.9
23	8½	Compton Webb	17½	+½	2.0	11.4	3.6
31	14	Concentric	19½	+½	2.4	12.3	9.2
84	19	Concrete Ltd	52	+1	4.0a	7.7	13.5
101	11	Cons Com	31	..	2.6	8.5	2.2
195	130	Cons Tin	178	..	17.8	9.8	2.2
18¾	6½	Cooper Inds	11	..	1.1	9.6	3.4
57	22½	Cope Allman	36½	+½	4.0	11.0	3.4
30¾	13½	Corah N.	21½	+½	2.6	11.9	7.6
131	39	Coral J Hldgs	81	..	8.1	10.0	6.3
40	17½	Cornercroft	25	..	4.0	16.0	3.1
18	12	Cory R.	14	..	0.9	6.4	11.2
68	29	Cosalt	45	..	3.5	7.7	5.9
187	60	Costain R.	176	+6	5.9	3.4	9.4
51	11	Countryside	22	..	6.5	29.3	5.9
71	28	Courts (Furn)	71	+1	3.9	5.5	6.1
75	25	Do A NV	71	+1	3.9	5.5	6.1
90	10	Court Hlls Ldn	19	-1	1.9	10.1	2.4
111	51	Courtaulds	110	+6	7.9	7.2	3.5
90	26	Courtney Pope	44	• ..	4.9b	11.2	5.0
78	38	C'wan de Groot	45	..	4.1	9.2	4.4
74	29	Do A	44	..	4.1	9.4	4.3
35	11	Cowie T.	16	..	1.9	12.1	8.9
45	15	Cox R.	30	+1	2.8	9.2	2.4
40	12½	Cox Ind	13	f ..	..e	..	2.4
27	9	Crane Fruehauf	16	+1	1.2	7.8	3.3
34	22	Crellon Hldgs	33	..	3.8	11.5	6.3
42	12	Crest Nicholson	30	..	4.0	13.2	12.0
102	36	Croda Int	102	+4	2.5b	2.4	8.0
32	13	Cronite Grp	27	..	3.4	12.9	8.8
35	20	Cropper J.	29	..	2.9b	10.0	3.2
17	8	Crossland R.	16	..	1.4	8.8	3.9
64	31	Crossley Bldg	54	+2	5.3	9.7	5.7
71	15	Crouch D.	30	..	4.5	15.0	7.4
53	12	Crouch Grp	32	..	3.7	11.5	5.6
85	20	Crowther J.	40	+6	0.7e	1.7	6.8

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40	17	Cults Guard	30	+1	4.0	13.3	3.3
74	26	Cum'ns En Cv	£48	+1	375	7.8	..
17	3¼	Curson and	5¾	h +½	0.8	14.3	6.1
58	17	Cusson Grp	58	h +1	2.2	3.9	12.1
54	11	Do A	47½	h +½	2.3	4.7	10.0
55	17	Cuthbert, A G.	33	+3½	2.4	7.2	9.2
19¼	11¼	Cutler Hammer	£17¾	..	67.6	3.8	9.5
91	44	Dale Elec	81	+1	6.2	7.6	10.1
120	60	Danish Bac 'A'	98	..	8.0	8.3	4.1
36	24	Danks Gowerton	28	..	2.7	9.8	3.1
13½	5	Dartmouth I.	7	..	1.0	13.6	4.1
75	28	Davies & New	65	..	9.2	14.1	5.1
35	14	Davis G.	27	+½	4.1	15.0	4.4
97	46	Davy Int	91	+3	8.2	9.0	7.2
45	11	Dawson & Barfos	24	..	2.0	8.4	..
67	12	Dawson Int	3	+2	..	..	..
68	30	Dawson J.	..	+2	6.7	13.2	8.1
580	310	De Beers Ind	5	..	35.3	6.2	13.3
99	25	Debenhams	7	..	6.0	8.8	13.3
175	63	De La Rue	135	+8	14.7	11.0	5.1
206	94	Decca	176	+7	12.1	6.8	4.1
204	90	Do A	174	..	12.1	7.0	4.1
45	15	Delson	15	..	2.3	15.0	4.1
74	31½	Delta Metal	66½	..	5.6	8.5	6.4
118	38	Denbyware	75	..	7.0	9.3	5.1
132	38	De Vere Hotels	88	..	5.0	5.8	12.8
145	58	Dew G.	94	..	6.3	6.7	4.9
105	45½	DRG	98	..	7.8	8.0	8.8
26	3½	Dimplex Ind	6½	..	..e	..	2.0
58	12	Dixons Photo	32	+1	1.4	4.3	3.8
46	12	Do A	31	+1	1.4	4.4	3.7
60	30	Dixor	30	..	..e	2.4	20.3
42¼	13¼	Dobson Park	24½	..	4	9.9	5.8
51	20	Dolan Pack	39	+2	..	8.8	3.8
48	28	Dom Hldgs	45	..	5.0b	11.0	8.9
90	18	Doncaster D.	43½	+3½	3	7.8	6.5
100	66	Dorman Smith	93	+3	7.7	7.7	10.0
95½	60	Do A	90	+1	..	..	..
73	18½	Douglas R. M.	49	+1	4.0	8.0	9.7
32	8	Dover Eng	9	..	..	..	4.1
35	12	Dow'd & Mills	34	• +11	1.6	..	..
112	55	Dowling G. H.	107	+2	12.8	..	9.8
104	41	Dowty Grp	93	+3	7.4	..	9.3
20½	6	Drake Cubitt	18	+½	..	..	7.4
40	11½	Dreamland Elec	21	+1	2.7	13.1	..
30	10½	Dufay	30	+3½	1.3a	4.4	10.0
370	185	Duncan W.	225	..	26.5	11.8	6
71	28	Dunford & Ell	57	+2	5.7	10.0	..
58	17	Dunlop Hldgs	47	+6	5.0	10.6	..
17	3	Duple Int	4	..	..	..	3
38½	27½	Duport	51	+1	4.2	9.4	4..
30	10½	Dutton For	22	..	3.6	16.5	4.1
59	17	Dykes J. Hldgs	28	..	4.6	16.5	2.3
75	18	ERF Hldgs	58	..	5.4	16.2	3.3
37	12	E Lancs Paper	29	..	4.4	15.1	2.6
69	30	E Mid A Press	46	..	3.1	6.7	5.8
79	13	Eastern Prod	44	+2	..e	..	3.9
84	22	Eastwood J. B.	46	+3	..e	..	3.5
70	18	Do B Dfd	38	+2	..	..	..
89	30	Edbro	58	..	6.7	11.6	5.3
67	29	Ege Hldgs	43	..	4.3	10.0	3.1
29½	2½	Eldridge St'fd	3½	f ..	0.6	15.7	1.1
42	11½	Eleco Hldgs	22	• ..	2.1	9.5	6.5
34½	12	Elec & Ind Secs	20	..	2.1	10.3	7.3
122	62	EMI Ltd	108	+5	9.3b	8.6	6.5
113	42	Electrocomps	89	..	5.3	6.0	8.9
74	18	Electr'nic Rent	41	+1	2.0b	4.8	8.2
47	25	Elliott B.	39½	-½	5.3	13.4	7.3
32½	18	Elliott Grp	33	..	1.9	5.8	3.7
152	65	Ellis & Everard	94	+2	5.2	5.8	11.3
32	10	Ellis & Gold	15½	..	2.0	12.6	3.0
142	42	Empire Stores	86	-1	4.3	4.9	7.4
19¼	3	Energy Serv	3	..	..e	..	3.9
16	7½	England J. E.	11	+1	1.4	13.1	8.2
47	22	English Card Cl	31	+1	3.2	10.2	3.3
104	32	Eng China Clay	61	+2	3.1	5.1	8.5
87	25	Erith & Co	60	• ..	6.2	10.3	8.3
58	25	Esperanza	50	..	5.7	11.5	..
170	23	Eucalyptus Pulp	33	+3	6.9	20.9	2.6
88	23	Euro Ferries	53½	+½	2.6b	4.9	4.0
50	27	Eva Industries	43	..	4.2	9.7	5.1
116	40	Ever-Ready Hg	85	+1	4.4	5.2	8.1
75	22	Evode Hldgs	42	..	2.6	6.2	5.1
31	8½	Ewer G.	19	..	1.5b	7.9	7.4
116	32	Exch Telegraph	70	..	6.0a	8.6	9.5
49	17	Expand Metal	43	-½	3.8	8.9	5.5

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82	13	F C Cons	39	..	3.7	9.5	7.5
75	29	FMC	72	+1	7.5	10.4	4.1
30	7½	FPA Cons	20	..	2.9	14.7	4.0
158	40	Fairclough L.	158	+6	8.7	5.5	5.8
30	10	Fairfax Jersey	11½	..	..e	..	29.5
38	18	Fairview Est	85	+2½	7.0	12.7	3.9
105	22	Farnell Elect	63	..	4.5	7.2	8.1
25	13	Feb Int	15	..	1.8	12.0	5.1
22	7½	Do A	13	..	1.8	13.8	4.5
86	32	Fed Chem Hldgs	54	..	3.9	7.3	18.4
50	6	Fed Lnd & Build	20	+3	1.3	6.7	10.8
23	17	Feedex Ltd	27	..	1.8	6.6	6.0
108	41	Fenner J. H.	87	..	7.0	7.2	6.4
74	36	Ferguson Hldgs	47	..	6.3	13.3	3.6
40	30	Ferro Metal	50	h ..	5.5	11.0	2.2
40	9½	Fine Art Dev	16½	+½	1.6	9.4	5.9
143	51	Finlay J.	130	-3	5.8b	4.5	7.8
31	14	Finlay Pack	18	..	6.5	36.3	6.9
24	11	First Finsbury	15	..	2.5	16.1	3.1
73	33	Firth G.M.	51	+1	7.3	14.6	3.3
356	145	Fisons	318	• +6	14.7	4.6	10.5
73	24	Fitch Lovell	53	+5	4.2	7.9	8.3
53	10½	Fodens	14	f ..	4.7	33.5	3.1
73	21	Fogarty E.	44	-3	4.7	10.6	3.3
17	6½	Folkes Hefo NV	11	..	1.1	9.6	4.8
132	94	Ford Mtr BDR	123	-3	6.4	5.2	15.6
72	24	Formminster	44	..	5.3	12.1	9.3
790	340	Fortnm & Mason	415	..	26.0	6.3	8.6
137	52	Foseco Min	127	+3	5.2	4.1	12.4
78	21	Foster Bros	37	..	3.3	8.8	5.3
45	10½	Foster J.	25	+1½	4.6	18.2	3.3
62	43	Fothergill & H	68	+4	6.6	9.8	2.3
55	23	Francis Ind	35	+2	4.3	13.1	4.3
26	9	Francis Parker	12	..	1.2	9.9	5.8
242	74	Freemans Ldn	173	+5	6.4	3.7	10.5
97	25	French T.	47½	..	3.0b	6.3	3.8
40	8	French Kier	17	..	..e	..	4.8
27	5	Do A	12	..	..e	..	2.9
76½	33	Friedland Doggt	58	• -2	3.5	6.1	6.8
145	58	GEF Grp	92½	..	9.3	10.0	5.7
48	11½	GRA Prop Tst	26	..	1.7	6.6	12.4
112	47	Gallenkamp	85	• ..	6.0	7.0	8.1
40	11	Galliford Brindley	23	..	2.4	10.6	4.7
46	21	GEI Int	40	+1	4.4	11.0	6.4
136	46	GEC	118	+6	4.7	4.0	9.0
170	103	Gen Mtr BDR	145	-1	5.1	3.5	21.5
53	15½	Gibbons Dudley	34	..	4.3	12.9	3.5
75	45	Gibbons S. Int	75	• +3	3.6	4.8	6.6
95	42	Gill & Duffus	90	..	5.3	5.9	7.1
80	13½	Giltspur Ltd	36	+2	3.4	9.4	7.3
54	22	Glass & Metal	42	..	3.5	8.4	5.9
40	13½	Glass Glover	28	..	1.9	6.8	9.9
420	184	Glaxo Hldgs	418	+12	11.0	2.6	13.1
35	13	Gleeson M. J.	23	..	2.1	9.1	6.4
50	20	Glossop W. & J.	32	..	4.2	13.2	4.1
103	30	Glynwed	84	• +3	9.4	11.2	5.4
96	24	Goldbg & Sons	47	-1	5.6	11.9	5.4
134	32	Gomme Hldgs	71	..	6.9	9.7	6.3
62½	20	Gordon & Gotch	38	..	3.1	8.0	14.1
108	22	Gordon L. Grp	35	-1	4.2	11.9	9.1
41	22	Graham Wood	27	..	2.2	8.3	6.6
57	22	Grampian Hldgs	47	..	4.4	9.4	5.6
67	21	Granada 'A'	45	+1	3.3	7.4	5.9
84	31	Grand Met Ltd	58	+3	4.8	8.3	9.4
146	40	Grattan W'hse	83	..	6.7	8.0	7.2
224	88	Gt Univ Stores	174	+4	8.8	5.1	10.3
209	83	Do A	168	+3	8.8	5.3	10.0
36	5	Greaves Org	19	+2	..e	..	4.6
35	11	Gre Milletts	22	-1	1.4	6.4	6.7
38	7	Greening N.	16½	+½	2.1	12.7	8.1
58	30	Greens Econ	56	• -2	3.0	5.3	6.0
82	32	Gripperrods	50	+6	4.6	9.1	4.4
225	94	GKN	225	+7	15.8	7.0	7.5
50	19	HAT Grp	50	+2	2.7b	5.3	7.5
104	28	Haden Carrier	64	+1½	9.9	15.4	7.9
220	92	Haggas J.	193	+3	3.9	2.0	6.0
165	69	Hall Eng	134	-1	8.1	6.0	4.4
106	38	Hall M.	105	+5	7.3	6.9	12.1
60	19	Hall-Thermot'k	54	..	4.0	7.4	6.0
21	9	Halma Ltd	15	..	1.6	10.6	5.5
174	85	Hanimex Corp	105	• ..	5.7	5.4	5.0
133	63	Hanson Trust	127	+1	8.3b	6.5	7.4
43	18	Hardy Furn	30	-1	4.2b	14.0	5.5
38	14	Do A	29	+1	4.2b	14.5	5.3
43	15	Hargreaves Grp	28	..	3.0	10.8	5.1
29	7	Harland & Wolf	7½	..	..	..	..
25	9½	Harmo Ind	16½	+½	2.1	12.5	4.8
52	15	Harris Sheldon	30	• +½	3.4	11.3	5.6
110	40	Harris M. P.	51	• ..	2.2	4.4	5.4
13¼	3¼	Harrison Cros	£8¾	-½	32.9	3.8	8.1
50	13	Hartle Mach	22½	+1	3.2	14.3	3.1
56	16	Hartwells Grp	25	..	5.0	19.8	2.8
306	122	Hawker Sidd	284	+2	17.3	6.1	6.0
13	5	Hawley-Good	5	..	0.2	3.0	8.3
110	24	Hawthorn L.	67	..	4.2	6.2	..
208	54	Hays Wharf	91	+1	6.2	6.8	6.0
38½	6	Head Wri'tson	19	+¼	..e	..	3.3
33	8½	Heenan Spark	12	+½	2.1b	17.4	4.3
15	7½	Helene of Ldn	12	..	0.7	5.8	4.7
38¼	19	Helical Bar	28	..	2.8	10.0	2.4
36	11	Hend'son Kent	23	..	2.5	11.0	4.3
124	36	Henly's	54	+4	8.0	14.8	6.9
72½	9	Hepworth Cer	29	+1½	2.7	9.3	7.7
28	4	Herbert A.	5	..	..	..	..
13½	5	Herman Smith	11	..	0.6	5.0	7.0
77	12	Hestair	30	+4	3.0	9.9	8.4
69	21	Hewden-Stuart	38	..	2.0	5.2	5.7
16	6	Hewitt J.	11	..	1.2	10.7	7.2
65	20	Heywood W'ms	30	..	2.6	8.7	2.4
66	30	Hicking P'cost	40	+1	7.6	19.0	3.7
250	101	Hickson Welch	186	+1	11.8	6.3	6.1
18½	8½	Field Bros	13½	..	1.0	7.6	6.0
38	17	Riggs & Hill	40	+2	3.9	9.8	3.3
37	21	Hinton A.	38	..	3.2	8.3	5.8
120	36	Hoffnung S.	81	..	4.9	6.0	8.6
57	13	Hollas Grp	27	+1	5.3	19.4	2.7
87	19	Hollis Bros	43	..	4.6	10.7	3.5
34	12	Holt Products	34	+2	2.5	7.5	12.1
62	24	Home Charm	60	-4	4.1	6.9	14.8
320	115	Hoover	250	-5	16.9	6.8	36.2
325	117	Do A	250	+5	16.9	6.8	36.2
27	9	Horizon Mid	17½	..	3.7	20.9	3.2
110½	34	Hse of Fraser	78½	+1½	5.4	6.9	8.6
45	15	Hoveringham	30	-2	2.4e	8.0	10.4
35	6	Do RV	20	-2	2.4e	12.0	6.9
22	11	Howard & Wynd	15	+4	..	..	5.5
22	8	Do A	14	-3	..	..	5.1
58½	26	Howard Mach	53	+1	3.0	5.7	4.4
28	11½	Howard Tenens	13½	..	2.4	17.5	3.2
85	31	Howden Grp	62½	..	3.2	4.9	7.3
17 11/16	6 ⅛	Hudsons Bay	£12	+¼	24.8	2.1	21.3
19	4	Humphries Hldgs	9	..	..e	..	..
20½	12½	Hunt Moscrop	15	..	0.8	5.2	9.8
65	25	Hunting Assoc	44	..	2.9	6.7	2.6
61	25	Huntleigh Grp	58	..	2.6	4.5	5.0
96	17½	Hutchison Int	35	+3½	..	..	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
155	40	IDC Grp	64	..	10.6	16.6	3.4
78	25	Ibstock Johns'n	65	• +6	5.8	9.0	5.1
40	12	Illing Morris	22	..	2.2	10.1	3.1
31	10½	Do A	19½	+½	2.2	11.4	2.7
239	116	Imp Chem Ind	230	+6	16.5	7.2	4.4
135	55	Imp Cold Store	124	-2	6.3	5.0	8.3
78½	32½	Imperial Grp	62	+2	6.4	10.4	11.5
48	20	Imp Metal Ind	39½	+2	3.8	9.7	6.0
67	19	Iucledon & L	35	..	4.2	11.9	5.1
60	25	Ingall Ind	36	..	4.1b	11.3	4.4
56	20	Ingram H.	34	..	3.6	10.6	3.2
43	20	Initial Services	35	..	4.7	13.5	6.5
12½	6½	Int Combustion	10½	+½	1.0	9.5	7.5
71	26	Int Computers	45	..	1.0	2.2	27.2
110	36	Int Timber	75	+½	7.6	10.1	2.2
74	30	Invereak Grp	62	+5	6.5	10.5	2.0
102	24	Ireland E.	55	+1	3.3	5.9	2.5
13½	8 ⅛	Itoh BDR	£11¼	..	8.6	0.8	..
28	8½	JB Hldgs	15	..	1.1	7.9	2.5
20	9	Jacks W.	11½	..	..	..	..
47	20	Jackson & Stple	36	+6	3.2	8.9	2.1
85	13	Jacksons B'End	35	..	4.0	11.4	4.5
135	45	James H. C.	108	+3	7.8	7.2	5.7
412	150½	Jardine M'son	398	+3	..	..	..
165	57	Jarvis J.	125	..	20.6	8.3	5.8
15	5	Jessups Hldgs	11	..	1.8	16.1	3.3
50	25	Johnson & F B	43	-1	4.9	11.3	5.5
64	16	Johnson Grp	37	..	3.3	8.8	10.0
355	122	Johnson Matt	225	..	15.9	7.1	5.0
240	34	Johnson-Richd	124	..	7.5	6.0	3.1
73	30	Jones Stroud	44	..	5.7a	13.0	3.0
38	10	Jourdan T.	16	..	3.0	16.7	3.4
43	18	Judge Int	28	..	2.8	10.2	3.9
94	23	K Shoes	39	..	2.9	7.4	6.3
46	14½	Kalamazoo	25½	+½	2.4	9.2	9.8
52	30	Kenning Mtr	33	+1	4.7	13.9	4.8
43	12½	Kent M. P.	32	+½	2.5	7.8	3.7
58	18	Kimpher Ltd	26	..	4.8	18.4	3.3
180	30	Kitchen Taylor	86	+2	2.6	3.0	17.2
147	64	Kleeman Ind	147	..	5.8	4.0	10.0
196	60	Kwik Save Disc	186	+2	5.2	2.8	22.1
67	17½	LCP Hldgs	44	..	4.2	9.5	5.5
38	14	LRC Int	21½	..	3.3	15.9	3.4
150	54	Ladbroke	146	• -1	5.8	4.0	6.8
48	23	Ladies Pride	27	..	3.7	13.8	4.5
34	12	Lafarge	20	..	3.0	15.0	3.0
168	45	Laing J.	163	+3	2.8	1.7	11.6
168	45	Do A	163	+3	2.8	1.7	11.6
58½	27	Laird Grp Ltd	55	+3	3.7a	6.7	4.2
45	17	Lake & Elliot	45	• +5	4.6	10.2	13.2
40	25	Lambert H'wth	39	..	3.7	9.4	3.6
28	13	Lamson Ind	25	+¼	4.1	4.2	9.5
267½	12	Lane Fox	31	..	..	..	9.8

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
42	6	Lane P. Grp	9	..	..	..	..
90	46	Lankro	78	..	5.4	6.9	5.7
108	42	Laporte Ind	78	+2	7.5	9.7	3.0
170	65	Latham J.	120	..	10.6	8.9	3.0
67	16½	Laurence Scott	36	..	3.7a	10.4	4.4
34	5	Lawdon	15	+1	..	..	..
40	28	Lawtex	33	• -1	3.8	11.7	2.5
102	48	Lead Industries	88	..	7.1	8.1	6.3
43	16	Le-Bas E.	34	+1	2.0	5.9	4.2
20½	9¼	Lee A.	15¾	..	2.1	13.1	2.9
160	40	Lee Cooper	90	+6	7.5b	8.3	3.7
64	36	Leisure C'van	59	..	6.7	11.4	10.3
150	61	Lep Grp	128	..	3.5	2.8	5.1
32	12	Lesney Ord	10	..	1.2b	6.2	4.9
25	11	Do RV	15	..	1.2b	7.9	3.3
96	13	Letraset	34	+6	1.8	5.4	4.7
35	6¼	Lex Services	21¼	• ..	2.3	10.2	6.3
47	21	Lilley F. J. C.	47	+1	2.5	6.3	4.2
39	20	Lincroft Kilg	35	+1	3.9	11.2	3.2
69	28	Lindustries	50	..	5.6	11.2	4.0
128	68	Linfood Hldgs	128	+6	9.1	7.1	..
48	20	Linread	25	..	4.4	17.7	3.5
95	20	Lion Int	34	-3	6.3b	18.4	4.3
78	26	Lipton L.	41	..	3.5	8.5	6.8
39	21	Lister & Co	52	+6	3.7	7.0	7.6
53	29	Lloyd F. H.	47½	+1	5.4	11.5	8.2
9½	6½	Locker T.	8	+¼	0.9	11.8	6.3
9¼	5	Do A	7½	+¼	0.3	12.8	5.9
70	35	Lockwoods Fds	45	..	4.2	9.3	4.1
36	16	Ldn & M'land	29½	+1½	2.2	7.6	..
35½	15	Ldn & N'thern	33	+3	4.8	14.5	4.3
51	15	Ldn Brick Co	48	• +2	2.7	5.7	24.0
117½	68	Ldn Prov Post	88	..	11.0	12.5	4.9
43	19	Longton Trans	24	..	3.9a	16.4	3.8
137¼	42¼	Lonrho	116	s +6½	5.8	4.7	..
100	22	Lonsdale Univ	56	..	5.3	9.4	4.2
78	22	Lovell Hldgs	53	..	3.0	6.8	4.5
75	23	Loveys J.	75	..	..	..	..
143	82½	Low & Bonar	134	• +2	12.4	9.3	6.9
114	37	Lucas Ind	107	• ..	7.6	7.1	7.6
88	30	Lyles S.	51	..	9.5	18.5	3.0
256	85	Lyons J. Ord	145	+5	11.7	8.1	7.6
240	50	Do A	144	+6	11.7	8.1	7.5

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
61	7	MFI W'house	16	+1	..e	..	4.5
101	17	MK Electric	41	+3	..e	..	8.7
55	17	MK Refrig'tion	40	..	3.5	8.7	4.2
23	10	MTE Ltd	17	+1	2.3	13.5	6.0
39	16	MY Dart	32	+1	1.9	6.0	6.5
147	88	McCorquodale	142	..	16.9	11.9	6.3
3	15	McInerney Prop	33	..	..h	..	3.3
	3	McIntyre	4½	f ..	0.9	19.6	3.4
	16	Mackay H.	25½	+1	4.2	16.4	5.7
	33	McKechnie Bros	63½	+1	5.0	7.9	3.6
	30	McNeill Grp	43	..	3.6	8.3	..
	17	Macpherson D.	32	+1	3.0b	9.4	4.3
175	8½	Madame Tussds	16½	+½	1.2	7.5	9.0
55	11	Magnet Joinery	129	+1	3.9	3.0	4.4
100	1	Mallinson W.	27½	+1½	2.4	8.7	2.1
128		Man Agcy Music	54	+2	7.5	13.9	3.4
115	1	Manbre & Gart	118	..	8.4	7.3	8.9
272		Man Ship Canal	195	-6	17.7	9.1	6.4
20	2	Mang Bronze	8¾	..	..	..	4.7
41	2	Mann & Overtn	32	+1½	4.4	13.6	3.4
34	2	Maple Mac'wds	17	+2	..e	..	5.7
88	24	Marchwiel	80	+4	3.9	4.9	5.0
38	18	Marks A.	33	+2	5.0	15.2	1.9
226	95	Marks & Spencer	194	+6	9.0	4.6	17.0
21	29½	Marley Ltd	91	+7	4.3	4.7	7.9
48	8	Marling Ind	16	..	1.3	8.2	3.1
26	5	Marshall Car	14½	+1½	3.0b	20.7	3.3
43	11	Marshall T Lox	17	..	1.9	11.0	7.6
19	9	Do A	17	..	1.9	11.0	7.6
74	20	Marsh'l T. Inv	39	+1	4.6	11.7	3.2
65	25	Marsh'ls (Hal)	43	+1	6.8	15.8	4.1
74	23	Martin-Black	74	+4	4.0	5.4	12.1
162	50	Martin News	114	+6	5.5	4.8	7.7
87	25	Marlona.	48	+1	3.2	6.6	5.8
144	50	Mather & Platt	113	+1	4.7	4.2	7.9
53	17	Matthews B.	37	+½	3.7	10.1	8.9
80	22	May & Hassell	49	+2	3.5	7.1	20.7
87¼	23	Maynards	65	+3	3.2	4.9	1.8
425	100	Mears Bros	250	+6	22.1	8.8	6.9
36	17	Medminster	19	..	2.3a	11.9	8.7
28	10	Meutmore Mfg	14½	..	2.5	17.2	10.7
18	7	Menzies J.	9	..	1.1	12.4	5.4
170	36	Metal Box	96	-1	4.8b	4.9	6.4
230	117	Metal Closures	7	+9	14.5	6.4	7.5
54	44	Metal Products	..	+6	4.6	5.7	8.4
39	10	Metalrax	14	..	1.1	5.4	4.4
32½	14	Metro Town	1	..	2.0b	8.5	6.1
62½	8	Mettoy	23	..	0.8	5.0	1.8
25½	8	Meyer M. L.	46½	+1	2.8	12.0	4.1
67	17	Midland Ind	12	+1½	3.0b	6.1	2.6
378	173	Mid York Hldgs	370	+½	1.1	9.3	3.6
73	34	Mills A. J.	50	..	14.6	4.0	7.3
144	79	Miln Marsters	118	..	3.6	7.0	5.4
35	15	Mining Supplies	23	..	9.9b	8.6	6.6
60	60	Mitchell Constr	60	f ..	1.0e	4.5	3.3
55½	25	Mitchell Cotts	45	• +½	7.5a	12.5	3.7
114	15	Mixconcrete	35	• +½	4.7a	10.3	6.6
41	12	Modern Eng	23	+1½	3.2	10.0	12.2
61	13	Monk A.	38	+2	3.5	15.0	6.2
39	17	Mono Containers	38	+1½	1.9	15.4	3.6
39½	22	M'santo 5% Ln	£35	..	2	8.3	6.7
48½	39	Do 6¼ Ln	£43	..	7	14.3	..
127	74	Do 5% Cnv	£104	..	5	14.5	..
41	12	Montfort Knit	18	..	4.8	..	..
90½	35	Morgan Cruc	81	+4	6.2	8.8	15.9
53	22	Morgan Edwds	40	..	3.6	11.7	5.6
122	26	Morgan-Gramp	47	+5	3.2	7.7	5.6
65	22	Morris & Blakey	40	..	5.8b	..	4.2
63	22	Do A	40	..	5.8b	..	6.7
96	18	Morris H.	32	..	..	..	6.7
96	22	Moss Bros	35	..	..	..	7.6
44	19	Moss Eng	30	+1	4.7	15.8	6.4
208	95	Mothercare	162	-4	6.7	4.1	..
18	4	Mt Charlotte	6½	+½	0.8	11.5	..
21	6	Movitex	11	..	..e	..	..
95	28	Mowlem J.	69	+2	5.6	8.0	4..
38	26	Muirhead	38	..	4.2	8.1	7..
125	15	Myson Grp	60	+6	4.5	7.5	4..
60	22	NET	30	..	2.8	7.4	4..
80	22	NSS News	38	+2	2.4	3.0	9.9
142	35	Nairn & W'son	84	+4	8.5	10.1	8.4
95	18	Nat Carbon	44	+4	..e	..	..
30	5	Needlers	11	..	..	..	..
39½	15	Neepsend	36½	+1½	4.4	12.0	10.9
63	20	Negretti & Zam	36	+2	3.8	10.4	3.2
67	23	Neill J.	49	..	6.0b	12.3	8.6
142	40	Newarthill	88	+3	6.0	6.7	9.1
45	19	Newman Ind	29	..	4.5	15.4	6.9
90	17	Newman Tonks	33	+1	4.1	12.6	2.8
90½	40	Newmans Tubes	68	..	3.0	5.6	4.6
175	55	Newmark L.	85	..	7.1	8.4	3.6
68	20	Norcros	56	+1	4.5b	8.0	6.3
53¾	53¾	Norfolk C Hlds	53¾	f ..	1.3	2.3	15.7
64	25	Normand Elec	30	..	3.3	10.8	5.6
64	16	Nthn Foods	59	+3	3.5	6.0	11.0
13½	5	Norton W. E.	8½	..	0.9	11.1	6.4
64	18	Norwest Holst	28	..	3.8	13.5	4.4
71	28	Notts Mfg	61	..	3.6	5.9	7.6
38	10½	Nu-Swift Ind	14	+1	1.8	12.7	9.4

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
98	43	Ocean Wilsons	73	..	3.3	4.1	5.3
110	45	Odex Racasan	81	..	3.4	4.2	5.8
74	29	Office & Elect.	56	+2	4.7	8.3	6.5
85	48	Ofrex Grp	73	..	4.6	6.3	5.0
16¾	8	Ogilvy & M	£16	+¼	42.2	2.6	14.1
44	17	Osborn S.	42	+3½	3.8	8.9	3.3
23½	14¼	Otis Elevator	£22¾	-½	91.3	4.1	10.0
75	23	Owen Owen	42	+4	3.0	7.1	4.5
35	11½	Oxley Printing	14	-1	3.8	20.8	3.3
191	73	Ozalid	152	+4	7.5	4.9	8.8
66½	30	Parker Knoll 'A'	38½	..	3.6	9.5	3.0
81	28	Parker Timber	55	+2	2.9	5.1	1.9
52	14	Parkland Text	23	-1	4.6	20.8	2.6
350	151	Paterson Zoch	350	..	5.3b	1.5	8.6
67	32	Pauls & Whites	53	..	4.2	8.2	7.5
122	38	Pearson Long	78	-2	5.3	7.8	4.8
157	39	Pearson & Son	109	+1	7.0	6.4	7.5
31	19	Do 4½ Ln	£27	..	400	14.8	..
28	15	Peck J.	16	f ..	..e	..	..
132	43	Pegler-Hatt	115	+1	7.9	6.9	6.0
131	50½	Perkin El 4%	£96	..	..	..	..
29	8¼	Permali	16	..	1.2	7.4	6.4
56	25	Perry R. Mtrs	46	+2	5.8	12.6	4.7
89	29½	Petrocon Grp	68½	+½	3.9	5.6	8.6
74	38	Philips Fin 5¾	£57	-1	575	10.1	..
860	475	Philips Lamp	800	+15	31.2	3.9	..
30½	9	Phillips Pats	15	..	1.7	11.7	7.2
103	30	Phoenix Timber	67	..	4.8	7.1	1.6
87	30	Photo-Me Int	86	..	1.7	1.9	7.3
28	9	Photopia Int	22	..	1.9b	8.4	3.8
89	60	P'dilly Theatre	73	..	2.1	2.9	14.5
70	28	Pifco Hldgs	52	• ..	3.2	6.1	5.6
64	26	Do A	52	• ..	3.2	6.1	5.6
310	94	Pilkington Bros	175	+8	12.3	7.0	4.0
72	24	Pittard Grp	39	• ..	4.9	12.5	3.5
125	50	Plaxtons	62	+2	5.8	10.7	6.2
38½	17	Pleasurama	35	+1	2.3	6.6	6.8
100	37	Plessey	73	+5	5.5	7.5	6.2
11¾	4½	Do 3 Ord	£10½	..	..	..	..
36	18	Plysu	30	..	1.6	5.2	6.9
20	4	Polly Peck	7	..	0.8	10.7	2.3
34¼	12½	Pontins	23½	+½	2.1	8.9	8.6
7½	3½	Poole & Glad	5¾	..	0.1	1.6	14.0
198	62	Pork Farms	110	..	10.6	9.7	7.1
129	50	Portals Hldgs	107	+1	7.8	7.2	8.7
54½	21	Porter Chad	45	..	6.0	13.3	4.9
44	18	Portsmth News	24	-1	3.5	14.6	3.0
112	53	Powell Duffryn	105	..	9.3	8.9	3.6
62	35	Preedy A.	47	..	2.6	5.5	8.4
27	9	Press W.	24	+½	1.8	6.5	12.2
67	13	Prestac Hldgs	24	• +2	3.1	12.8	2.8
117	56	Prestige Grp	103	..	6.4	6.2	8.8
220	95	Pretoria P Cem	175	..	11.1b	6.3	4.2
175	42	Pride & Clarke	92	+2	12.3a	13.3	8.0
70½	25	Priest B.	41	..	5.2	12.6	4.9
28	7½	Pritchard Serv	12	..	1.7	14.1	4.6
63	28	Pullman R. & J.	47	+1	6.6b	14.1	3.7
93	22	Pye Hldgs	45	• -1	5.5	12.2	3.1
89	44	Pyke W. J.	46	..	1.3	2.8	7.1
35	11	Pyramid Grp	22	..	2.7	12.4	6.1
17⅝	7¾	Quaker Oats	£10⅝	-¼	34.3	3.2	13.6
61	42	Quality Clnrs	82	..	4.1	7.9	9.2
17	7½	Queens Moat	10	..	0.8	7.9	9.2
56	27	RKT Textiles	40	+1	6.4	15.9	3.1
218	91	Racal Elect	205	..	4.1a	2.0	12.9
19	10	Raine Eng	13	..	0.7	5.7	5.1
335	80	Rank Org Ord	168	..	8.8	5.0	9.0
335	90	Do A	178	..	8.3	4.7	9.6
44½	23	RHM	38½	+1½	3.8b	9.5	9.2
44	16	RHP	41	..	4.4	10.7	6.2
278	45	Ransomes Sims	97	..	9.7	10.0	4.6
93	60	Ratners	78	-2	4.3	5.5	3.9
47	17½	Raybeck Ltd	38	-1	3.9a	10.2	4.5
22½	10	Readicut Int	18½	+1	1.6	7.9	5.0
97½	24	RMC	59	+4	6.5	11.4	6.9
292	108	Reckitt & Colmn	261	+6	11.3	4.4	11.8
43½	8	Record Ridgway	31	+1	3.7	11.8	5.8
78	27	Redfearn Nat	56	..	5.0	9.0	6.0
84	35	Rediffusion	64	+2	4.9	7.7	8.1
56	20	Redland	83	+3	4.1	4.9	4.9
56	22	Reed & Smith	38	..	3.9a	10.2	5.0
115	22	Reed A.	54	+2	3.3	6.0	7.5
104	20	Do A NV	54	+2	3.0	5.6	7.5
74	23	Reed Executive	43	..	6.2	14.4	3.5
240	131	Reed Int	205	+7	15.5	7.6	3.6
665	308¼	Reliance Grp	467	-12	16.7	3.6	4.4
39	11	Reliance Knit	16½	..	3.6a	21.3	6.2
200	83	Rennies Cons	143	..	11.5a	7.9	4.9
130	56	Renold Ltd	119	+4	9.7	8.1	7.5
67¼	26	Rentokil Grp	51½	..	2.5	4.8	12.8
71¼	18	Renwick Grp	34	..	3.5b	10.3	8.0
57	27	Revertex	50	+4	6.2b	12.4	7.8
69	17	Rexmore	31½	+1½	5.3	17.0	2.2
77	19	Reyrolle Parsns	48	+2	3.0a	6.2	4.8
86	40	Rhod Cement	60	• ..	7.5	12.5	5.3
105	40	Ricardo Eng	88	• ..	7.4	8.5	3.4
79	25	Richards & Wall	48	+2	5.2	10.8	5.0
16¾	8 ⅛	Rich'n-Merrell	£14	..	26.9	1.9	16.6
57	28	Richardsons W.	47	..	5.0a	10.7	5.6
42	25	Rivlin I.D.& S.	33	+2	3.4	10.4	5.3
100	37	Robb Caledon	68	-2	5.3b	7.7	6.5
192	70	R'son Rentals	122	..	5.9	4.8	8.6
78	23	Rockware Grp	56	• -2	4.4	7.9	6.9
57½	21	Rolls-R Motors	46	-2	5.2	11.3	6.5
35	13	Ropner Hldgs	18	..	2.3	12.8	4.9
33	10	Do A	13½	..	2.3	14.8	4.2
35	9	Rotaflex	19	..	3.2	19.2	4.2
45	7½	Rotaflex	18	..	1.1	6.1	4.2
47	16	Rotaprint	32	..	4.0	12.3	5.9
45½	10½	Rothmns Int 'B'	36¼	+¼	1.7	6.5	2.8
54	17	Rotork Ltd	83	+1	1.1	2.1	5.3
86	42	Routledge & K	53	..	4.7	8.9	7.7
106	22	Rowntree Mac	73	+5	5.5	8.9	6.0
140	30	Rowton Hotels	43	+1	6.7	13.6	8.8
53	27	Royal Sov Grp	40	+6	3.2	7.8	5.8
145	60	Royal Worcs	114	• ..	5.6	4.9	4.7
23	..	Royco Grp	23½	+1	3.0	12.7	8.2
35	10	Ruberoid	20	• ..	2.8	14.0	8.0
77	23	Rugby Cement	67	+4	4.0a	5.8	8.9
46	16	Do NV	40	+2	3.4a	8.4	13.3
99	33	Ryan-Traders	43	+4	11.4	26.5	2.9
28	4	S & U Stores	11	..	1.3	11.4	6.7
99	35	SGB Grp	97	+2	6.0	6.2	6.0
30½	11¼	SKF 'B'	£28¾	+½	191	6.8	4.4
50	13	Sabah Timber	29	..	1.7	5.8	2.6
173	73	Sainsbury J.	169	+5	6.1	3.6	21.7
24¼	12¼	St Gobain	£24¼	+¼	63.7	2.6	11.5
125	40	Sale Tilney	70	+1	6.0	8.6	8.6
194	70	Samuel H.	174	-2	6.9	3.9	8.7
174	62	Do A	123	-2	6.8	5.5	8.7
170	50	Sandeman G.	50	..	3.2	6.3	3.1

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46	22	Sanderson Kay	42	+1	5.1	12.1	6.6
118	15	Sangers	46	-1	7.2	15.6	4.2
70	10	Savoy Hotel 'A'	31	• +1	0.8	3.6	..
64	21	Scapa Grp	61½	+1½	5.5	9.0	8.0
266	118	Scholes G. H.	150	..	19.5	13.0	8.6
44	14	Scotcros	33	..	3.4	10.3	7.9
54	11	Scotia Inv	22	h +2	..e	..	2.7
31	9	Scottish TV 'A'	12	..	..e	..	3.9
37	12	Scott J.	12	..	..e	..	1.6
153	40	Scot Univ Inv	84	..	6.5	6.9	11.5
30	6	Scragg E.	9½	..	..e	..	2.8
78	14½	Sealed Motor	27	..	..e	..	3.2
49½	18½	Sears Hldgs	39	+1	2.6	6.7	8.1
154	47	Securicor Grp	93	-2	2.1	2.3	13.1
182	48	Do NV	90	-3	2.1	2.4	12.7
158	49	Security Serv	93	-2	3.4	3.7	11.7
158	50	Do A	90	-3	3.4	3.8	11.3
12	4½	Selincourt	8½	+½	1.0	12.2	3.6
77	17	Sena Sugar	20	..	5.1	25.3	4.1
17	7½	Senior Eng	13½	..	1.3	9.6	6.3
31	12	Serck	27	+½	2.8	10.5	7.9
39	11	Shaw Carpets	16½	..	2.8	17.0	2.0
28	7½	Shaw F.	11	..	..e	..	7.8
44	17	Sheffield Twist	44	+1	4.3	9.8	3.3
28½	16	Shellabear Price	21	..	3.1	14.3	3.2
21	5½	Sherman S.	8½	..	..	..	..
77	37	Sidlaw Ind	57	+1	7.3	12.8	6.4
180	30	Siebe Gorman	123	+1	5.2	4.3	7.5
38	12	Siemssen Hunt	20	..	2.7a	13.6	4.3
153	65	Sigmode 7% Cn	£124	..	700	5.6	..
24½	7	Silentbloc	16	+1	2.2	14.0	7.1
109	47	Simon Eng	103	+4	8.0	7.8	5.0
92	35	Simpson S.	46	..	3.9	8.5	12.3
90	35	Do A	46	..	3.9a	8.5	12.3
56¾	29	Sketchley	50	s +1	5.2b	10.4	6.7
88	29	Slimma Grp	35	+3	2.6	7.5	6.4
41½	20	Small & Tidmas	25	..	3.5	13.3	3.0
52¾	22	Smith & Neph	44	• +½	2.7	6.2	10.4
420	124	Smith W. H.	296	+6	11.5	3.9	11.2
126	50	Smiths Ind	123	+2	7.7	6.2	7.9
96	48	Smurfit	91	+6	8.0	8.8	8.1
38	17	Sobranie	18	..	2.1	11.8	9.6
28	10	Do NV	16	..	2.1	12.9	8.0
52	18	Solicitors Law	45	• -2	4.8	10.5	8.0
92	30	Sthern-Evans	84	+4	4.1a	4.9	5.8
130	80	Sparrow G. W.	80	..	6.2	7.7	4.0
123	32½	Spear & Jackson	71	+1	5.4	7.6	..
120	63	Spear J. W.	110	..	2.6	2.4	6.6
28	9	Spencer Gears	13½	..	1.3	10.6	3.7
43	22	Spencer G.	32	..	3.9	12.1	6.2
125	59	Spencer T & B	80	..	11.0	12.8	3.4
47	19	Spillers	39½	+1½	3.5	9.1	10.2
143	58	Spirax-Sarco	96	• -2	8.4b	8.8	7.1
47	19	Spirella	34	..	4.1	12.0	3.6
42	24	Spooner Ind	27	..	3.3	12.3	3.7
28	7½	Spreckley C.	12	..	..	..	..
120	60	Staffs Potts	82	+3	6.9	8.4	3.4
49	22	Staflex Int	35	..	3.4	9.8	3.9
68	36	Stag Furniture	65	• -3	8.2	12.6	4.4
64	38	Stanley A. G.	63	..	7.6	11.8	15.7
56	13	Stanneylands	22	-1	2.8	12.7	9.3
82	11½	Stanwood Radio	16	+½	..e	..	10.1
109	38	Staveley Ind	107	+1	9.0	8.4	6.4
193	100	Steel Bros	176	+1	10.7	6.1	14.4
115	54	Steetley Co	100	r +4	7.8b	7.8	6.0
30	10	Steinberg	16	+1	1.4	8.4	3.7
48	10	Stephen J.	14	..	..	..	..
80	53	Stew't & Ll 6%	75	..	..	..	..
53	13	Stigwood R. Grp	32	+1½	2.1	6.5	10.2
37	9	Stocklake Hldgs	19	+1	..e	..	..
73	40	Stockd. & Son	80	..	4.5	9.0	3.1
97	36	Stonehill	79	..	11.9	15.1	5.6
72	29½	Stone Platt	66½	+1	4.1	6.2	4.4
61	14	Storey Bros	34	..	4.1	12.0	4.2
120	53	Stothert & Pitt	78	..	12.0	15.4	4.6
53	27	Strong & Fisher	36	..	5.4	14.9	2.9
32	4½	Sturla G.	12	h ..	..e	..	2.7
14	4½	Sumner F.	7½	..	1.1	14.4	4.0
33½	12	Sunbeam W'sey	13	..	..	..	..
44	26	Sutcliffe S'man	29	..	3.5	12.0	5.0
113	54	Swan Hunter	80½	+1	8.2	10.1	3.4

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44	10	Tace Ltd	19	..	3.0	15.9	3.1
38	17	TPT	31½	• -1	4.1	13.0	4.1
620	400	Takeda Bdr	610	..	1.1	0.2	..
145	58	Tarmac Ltd	126	+6	11.2	8.9	6.6
266	93	Tate & Lyle	240	+6	15.5	6.4	5.5
63	30	Taylor Pallis	52	..	5.5	10.6	9.2
232	68	Taylor Woodrow	210	+6	6.4	3.0	11.0
43	13	Telefusion	20	..	1.5a	7.3	7.5
41	11	Do A	20	..	1.5a	7.6	7.1
114	45	Telephone Rent	106	+2	6.2	5.9	12.7
57	19	Tesco	46	+1	1.8	3.8	12.4
50	6	Textured Jersey	17	-1	..	..	..
72	10	Thames Plywd	26	+1	3.2b	12.9	6.1
39	18	Thermal Synd	36	+1	3.5	9.8	4.2
232	37	Thomson Org	170	+15	6.6b	3.9	14.6
95	30	Thomson T-Line	30	..	7.9	26.3	2.5
330	74	Thorn Electric	158	..	7.8	5.0	5.9
321	74	Do A	160	+8	7.6	4.9	6.0
7½	5	Thurgar Bardex	7	• ..	0.8	11.1	4.6
240	85	Tilbury Cont	205	• -5	22.8	11.1	4.3
71	19	Tilling T.	58	• +6	4.4	7.6	7.9
68½	27	Time Products	57	+2	1.8	3.1	3.3
46	15	Titaghur Jute	18	..	..	..	..
220	110	Tobacco Sec Tst	195	+8	16.3	8.5	15.5
825	470	Do Dfd	770	+10	56.7	7.4	17.1
14½	7½	Tomkins F. H.	9	..	1.1	12.4	4.1
39	14½	Tootal	33½	+1½	2.8	8.4	5.8
49	16	Tozer Kemsley	34	..	2.9	8.4	5.2
89½	21½	Trafalgar H Inv	86½	+6½	3.8	4.3	7.2
35	15	Trafford C'pets	19	..	..e	..	2.2
82	28½	Trans Paper	52½	+1	5.6	10.7	5.5
62	25	Transport Dev	49½	..	4.0	8.2	6.9
23	9½	Tranwood	13	h -1	2.2a	18.3	4.9
102	28	Travis & Arnold	62	+1	3.9	6.3	2.9
9¼	2	Trianco	4½	..	..	..	..
39½	10½	Tricoville	22	-1	1.4	6.3	4.9
23½	7½	Trident TV 'A'	17½	+½	2.0	16.9	4.1
44	16	Triplex Found	35	+2	4.3	12.9	4.5
127	38	Trust Hse Forte	111	+2	11.0	9.8	22.9
290	120	Tube Invest	233	• +4	23.9	10.0	4.9
130	50	Tunnel Cem 'B'	116	+6	11.3	9.8	5.1
15	4½	Turner E.	8	h ..	1.0	12.3	3.6
61	7	Turner Newall	106	+3	11.3	10.6	4.9
1	17	Turner Mfg	39	+1	4.5	11.5	3.7
5	9	Turriff	62	..	4.7	7.6	6.0
9	21	UDS Grp	35	+1	6.8b	7.4	11.1
27	28	UK Optical	61	+1	4.8	7.9	7.1
70	7	U U Textiles	7	..	1.1	15.7	3.7
69½	24	Unicorn Ind	60	+4	5.9	9.8	7.3
380	7½	Unigate	41	..	3.8b	9.3	5.6
20¾	1	Unilever	338	+8	16.0	4.7	7.4
104	5	Do NV	£19	..	76.3	4.0	9.1
87	37	Unitech	85	..	8.9	10.5	7.0
76	30	Utd Biscuit	79	+3	3.4	5.8	10.1
35	14	Utd Bm Grp	54	+3	6.1	11.3	5.1
15	16	Utd City Merc	28	..	1.5	5.4	5.3
47	6½	Utd Eng	12	..	2.5	16.3	4.7
398	94	Utd Gas Ind	36	..	..	..	..
37	13	Utd News	198	..	15.9	8.0	4.5
83½	16½	Utd Scientific	27	..	3.7	13.8	6.1
371½	9	Venesta	36	+2	4.5	13.8	2.3
290	120	Vereeniging Ref	210	+1	16.1	7.7	6.6
22½	11½	Vetco	£18½	-½	..	..	..
104	37	Vibroplant	72	..	12.3	11.0	6.5
151	64	Vickers	131	+4	11.2	8.5	7.3
42	9	Vita-Tex	15	+1	4.0	26.9	2.1
106	30	Vosper	72	-5	5.3	7.4	2.8
42	14	W Ribbons	23	..	2.7	11.7	4.5
37	24	WGI	30	• ..	4.4	14.8	3.2
30	14	Wade Potter.	30	..	1.4	5.8	6.9
90	33	Wadkin	70	..	4.7	6.7	6.3
97	48	Wagon Ind	45	..	4.4	9.8	6.2
20½	6	Walker & Homer	6½	..	10.7b	12.4	7.6
119	58	Walker C. & W.	1	+½	1.1	10.7	5.5
156	63	Walker Cros	1	..	1.8	2.2	..
63	24	Walker J. Gold	4	..	6.9	4.5	8.2
55	20	Do NV	38	..	2.7	6.7	6.6
137	26	Walmsley Bury	37	..	2.7	7.2	5.6
100	26	Ward & Gold	51	+1	6.7	13.3	12.8
62	20½	Ward T. W.	40	+1	6.3	12.5	3.8
15½	8	Wardle. B.	13½	..	5.8	14.1	4.3
84	21	Waring & Gillow	42	..	4.5	10.6	5.8
305½	97	Warren J.	110	..	14.1	12.8	4.3
43	13	Warrington T.	23	..	4.3	18.7	3.4
43	14½	Waterford Glass	33	+3	1.0	3.0	14.7
125	33	Watts Blake	84	..	1.3	4.0	7.4
53	28	Wearwell	40	..	6	14.0	8.2
29¼	7	Websters Pub	12½	..	5	7.4	5.8
31	9	Weeks Assoc	13	..	5	12.1	4.0
61	18	Weir Grp	44	-2	5.3	12.1	3.1
30	13	Wellman Eng	27½	..	2.8	10.1	8.7
47	26	Westbrick Pds	29	..	3.5	12	3.6
28	11	W Cum Silk	15	+½	2.2	14	5.8
44½	17	Westland Air	36½	..	3.5	9.6	5.8
71	19	Weston Pharm	31	..	3.0	9.7	6.6
155	56	Weyburn Eng	158	..	8.4	5.4	9.5
40	10	Wharf Mill	11	..	1.8	13.8	..
11½	4½	Whatlings	7¾	..	0.6	8.1	6.0
143	56	W'heat Dist	143	+6	6.1	4.3	15
66	19½	Wh'lock Mar	47½	..	..	..	..
131	30	Whessoe	54	+2	5.8	10.7	6.6
16	6½	Wheway Watson	13	..	0.8b	6.2	7.2
47¼	30	White Child	42	+3	4.1a	9.8	5.7
100	40	Whitecroft	100	+4	6.9	6.9	8.3
38	20	Whiteley BSW	29	..	4.1	14.1	5.5
68	30	Wholesale Fitt	47	..	6.2	13.1	4.4
260	40	Wigfall H.	117	..	5.5	4.7	3.1
27	8	Wiggins C. S.	15	+1	1.9	12.4	10.1
110	17	Wilkins & Mit	46	..	3.4	7.3	3.6
127	52	Wilkins'n Match	110	..	10.5	9.6	4.8
81	54	Do 10% Conv	£84	+1	1000	15.6	..
52	19	Wms Hudson	27½	..	0.5	1.8	2.4
38	12	Wms J. Cardiff	31½	+2½	2.5	7.9	4.8
46½	20	Wills G. & Sons	38	..	1.7	4.7	4.5
42	5½	Wilmot Breeden	21	+1½	3.1	14.7	2.2
33	12	Wilson Bros	16½	..	..e	..	4.1
112	30	Wimpey G	110	• +3	1.6	1.4	8.7
31	9	Winn Ind	22½	+½	3.1b	14.4	7.9
128	70	Winsor Newton	107	+1	10.0	9.3	7.6
40	17	Witter T.	24	..	3.9	16.4	7.4
168	37	W'aley Hughes	79	+3	6.4	8.1	5.6
193	47	W'holm Bronze	78	• -4	9.0	11.5	4.0
21½	11	Wombwell Fdry	14½	+1½	1.1	7.6	6.1
78	36	Wood Bastow	41	+1	4.8	11.8	2.9
48	21	Wood S. W.	33	+2	4.7	14.1	3.3
32	8½	Wood W.	10	..	..e	..	4.1
94	35	Wood Hall Tst	64	-4	5.5	8.6	4.2
95	43	Woodhead J.	72	+1	7.8	10.9	4.0
28	17	W'dh'se Rixson	25	..	2.6	10.6	3.0
64½	24	Woolworth	43	..	5.9a	12.7	10.9
47½	21	Worth Bond	43	+1	4.9	11.5	4.1
36	12	Wrighton F.	20	..	1.5	7.4	2.7
52	20	Wyatt W Hldgs	33	+1	3.7	10.9	4.2
163	79	Yarrow & Co	124	• -3	5.9a	4.8	4.2
31	11	York Trailer	19	..	2.4	12.8	3.4
132	37	Toughal C'pts	66	• -3	8.8	13.3	7.6
86	12	Young H. Hldgs	12	..	..e	..	3.0
37	14	Zetters	22	..	1.3	6.0	4.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
61	12	Ang-Cont Inv	34	..	..e	..	6.0
59	28	Argentine S Lnd	36	..	4.5	12.4	6.2
65	30	Assam Trdng 'B'	45	..	2.6	5.8	..
238	103	Aust Estates	238	h ..	2.8	1.2	8.7
203	78	Do A	202	h -1	2.8	1.4	7.4
36	6	Brit Debt Serv	11	..	..e	..	..
110	40	BST Dfd	66	+2	6.3	9.6	5.7
28½	9½	Can & Sheer	17½	-½	2.5	14.3	3.8
158	87	Challenge Corp	143	+2	7.0	4.9	8.1
26	9	Chancery Cons	18	..	0.7	4.4	11.9
73	21	Charterhse Grp	46	+1	4.6	9.9	8.1
57	18	Charterhall	35	• -2	2.9	8.2	10.3
48½	19	C Fin de Suez	£40¼	+¼	..	..	..
50	7	Corinthian	16	..	..	..	..
210	92	Daily Mail Tst	185	+15	13.5	7.3	19.9
210	90	Do A	185	+15	13.5	7.3	19.9
257	82	Dalgety	180	+6	12.1	6.7	4.7
35	8	Dawnay Day	20	..	..e	..	..
24	4	Edin Ind Hldgs	11	..	..e	..	3.4
35	8	Equity Ent	19	+2	2.7	14.1	..
36	10	Estates & Gen	18	+2	2.6	14.6	..
95	23	FC Finance	65	..	4.9	7.5	7.0
54	32	Fmtl Cons	81	• ..	2.4	3.0	9.0
40	2	Fitzroy Inv	5	..	..	..	26.7
82	31	Goode D & M Grp	25	..	1.2	4.7	8.9
62	15	Hothlys 'A'	37	..	1.8	5.0	14.1
437	155	Inchcape	337	+14	10.2	3.2	9.0
24	14	Investment Co	16½	..	1.3	7.8	7.3
64	11	Jessel Secs	11	f ..	5.3	47.7	1.3
42	6	Do Dfd	6	f ..	..	..	..
29	10½	Kwahu Co	17	..	..e	..	7.4
87	25	Law Deb Corp	60	..	5.3b	8.8	..
76	24	Lloyds & Scot	66	+1	4.5	6.9	13.2
76	18	Ldn & Euro Secs	33	..	2.2	6.6	6.7
45	7½	Ldn Aust & Gen	38¼	-¼	..e	..	10.3
94	29	Ldn Utd Inv	41	..	4.5	10.9	9.1
84	30	Manson Fin	39	..	4.5	11.9	8.0
80	30	Martin R. P.	42	..	8.2	19.6	4.1
64	10	Mercantile Crdt	33	+2	..e	..	19.6
14½	14½	Moorgate Merc	14½	f ..	1.4	9.6	6.9
26	12	NMC Invest	15	..	1.9	10.4	15.1
72	30	New World	57	..	2.3	4.1	35.6
134	77	Prov Fin Grp	83	..	5.9	7.1	10.4
640	280	Real Estate SA	640	..	20.9	3.3	29.2
117	49	River & Merc	111	+3	9.0	8.1	15.1
124	42	Sime Darby	107	-1	1.9	1.8	13.4
80	15	Smith Bros	42	+5	5.2b	12.4	5.1
98	36	Trust & Agency	68	..	8.5	7.0	14.1
10¼	6	Tyndall O'seas	£6¾	..	46.4	7.4	..
84	10	Utd DomTst	23	+2	..e	..	12.7
85	2	Vavasseur	3½	..	..e	..	..
75	9	Wagon Fin	47	+1	2.2	5.3	16.7
40	19	Western Sel	27	..	2.6	9.7	6.5
48	12	Yule Catto	26	-½	1.6	6.1	10.6

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
70	18	Bowring	56	+5	3.2	5.6	..
102	31	Brentnall Beard	53	-2	4.4	8.3	4.2
164	56	Britannic	124	+4	10.5	8.4	..
160	68	Com Union	143	+6	10.2	7.1	..
138	44	Eagle Star	110	+4	7.0	6.3	..
216	80	Equity & Law	128	+12	7.6	5.9	..
162	62	Gen Accident	137	+10	8.1	5.9	..
180	64½	Guardian Royal	158	+6	11.6b	7.3	..
130	49	Hafford Shead	130	+4	8.1	6.3	8.1
202½	74	Heath C. E.	198	+4	9.3b	4.7	12.0
122	46	Hogg Robinson	120	+3	4.1	3.4	15.6
107	31	Howden A.	96	+3	3.2	3.4	14.6
151	48	Legal & Gen	116	• +4	6.5	5.6	..
103	31	Leslie & Godwin	88	..	4.7	5.3	13.2
142	4	London & Man	104	+6	6.5	6.2	..
205	68	Matthews W'son	143	+5	10.3	7.2	9.3
207	8	Minet Hldgs	164	+4	4.4	2.7	15.7
238	71	Orion	232	h ..	8.7	3.8	..
264	81	Pearl	176	• +2	14.3	8.1	..
210	86	Phoenix	184	+6	11.1	6.0	..
128	60	Prov Life 'A'	105	..	9.3	8.9	..
128	60	Do A Br	105	..	9.3	8.9	..
128	60	Do B	105	..	9.3	8.9	..
128	60	Do B Br	105	..	9.5	8.9	..
147	53	Prudential	115	+8	7.4	6.6	..
300	110	Refuge 'A'	220	+8	18.7	8.5	..
160	48	Do B	112	+6	9.3	8.3	..
308	120	Royal	246	+6	18.7	7.6	..
295	93	Sedg. Forbes	187	+8	10.8	5.8	14.5
123	27	Stenhouse	52	+3	4.7	9.0	4.1
409	174	Sun Alliance	380	+20	22.9	6.0	..
87	31	Sun Life	75	+4	4.0b	5.3	..
296	78	Trade Indem'ty	137	• ..	9.6	7.0	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
110	47	Aberdeen Trst	93	+1	5.0	5.4	27.8
48½	14½	Acorn Secs 'Cap'	38	..	..	..	..
92	37	Do Inc	49	..	6.0b	12.2	11.5
175½	86	Alliance Trust	164	+3	7.8	4.8	32.0
45	15	Amer Trust	29¾	+3	2.0	6.8	32.0
83	39	Ang-Amer Secs	75	+3	3.2	4.3	30.2
34½	18½	Anglo Int Inv	32	..	3.8	12.1	13.1
77	18	Do Ass	44	..	..	..	..
48	15	Anglo Scot	31½	..	2.0	6.4	23.7
57	35	Ashbourne	40½	f ..	1.3	3.2	32.1
84	43	Ashdown Inv	82	+1	4.0	4.9	28.8
76	12½	ABC Regional	28	..	0.6	2.1	..
112	12	Atlantic Assets	55	+1	1.2	2.2	..
38½	15	Atlas Electric	33	+1	1.6b	4.8	34.8
185	22½	Authority Inv	31½	..	0.2	0.4	14.8
44	13	Bankers Inv	37	..	2.6b	7.0	19.5
81½	16	Berry Trust	33	..	0.9b	2.8	49.5
215	106	Border & Sthrn	178	+4	6.7	3.8	35.0
39½	16	Brit Am & Gen	27	..	1.8	6.6	19.8
65½	18	Brit Assets Tst	42	+1	1.8	4.4	36.6
10½	4	Brit Emp Sec	7½	..	0.8	10.0	12.5
112½	63	Brit Invest.	122	+4	4.7b	3.8	38.8
180	90	Brit Isles & Gen	180	..	6.5	3.6	38.8
95	45	Broadstone	88	+2	4.6	5.2	28.4
86	30	Brunner	52	..	3.6	7.0	20.0
69½	27	Brycourt Inv	45	..	2.5	5.6	25.0
49	21	CLRP Inv	45	..	1.9	4.2	25.3
119	56	Cable Trust	106	+1	6.3	5.9	22.6
134	80	Cairnton	130	• ..	5.9	4.5	31.7
234	76	Caledonia Inv	158	+5	9.6	6.1	20.1
64	26½	Caledonian Tst	53	+1	1.8	3.5	44.2
65	24½	Do B	47	..	..	..	..
35½	5¼	Cannon St	5½	f ..	2.0	35.6	..
86	42	Capital & Natl	73	..	4.6b	6.3	..
82	41½	Do B	64	..	..	..	..
140	57	Cardinal 'Dfd'	103	..	6.3	6.2	..
90	47	Carliol Inv	85	+1	3.7	4.4	31.1
50	23	Cedar Inv	48	+1	2.5	5.9	20.0
70	19	Charter Trust	35	+2	2.2	6.4	21.2
34	15½	City & Grace	25	..	1.6	6.1	21.1
35	13½	Do Conv	23	..	..	..	..
62½	29½	Clydesdale Inv	50	+½	2.0	3.9	36.7
62	25	Do B	47	+1	..	..	..
11	7½	Common Mkt	£11	..	39.0	3.5	25.9
131	59½	Cont & Ind	120	+2	5.8	4.8	32.2
24	12	Corporate Guar	14	f ..	..	..	..
62	26	Crossfriars	43	..	3.0	7.1	17.5
33	14	Cumulus	26	..	1.0b	4.0	66.7
80	25	Delta Inv	44	..	..	..	..
135	75	Derby Tst 'Inc'	117	..	14.7	12.6	13.8
137	6	Do Cap	90	..	..	..	..
122	8	Drayton Cons	112	..	5.2	4.6	30.0
163	62½	Do Premier	146	+8	7.5	5.1	26.1
46	19¼	Dundee & Ldn	34	..	1.3b	7.5	19.1
63	8	E & W Inv	42	..	1.3b	3.1	38.2
109	4½	Edin & Dundee	101	+3	4.0b	4.0	..
174	4	Edinburgh Inv	144	+2	7.2	5.0	27.7
60	2	Elec & Gen	52	+1	1.5	2.9	50.8
63	4	Embankment	50½	+1½	2.8	5.5	21.7
60	3	Eng & Caldon'n	80	+2	2.8	8.7	23.5
50	2	Eng & N York	46	+2	2.8	5.5	27.0
124	6	Eng & Scottish	104	+2	4.9	4.7	32.7
124	8	Do B	100	+2	0.3	0.3	..
258	106	Estate Duties	215	..	10.6b	4.9	27.9
145	5½	First Re-Invest	130	..	5.5	4.2	32.1
72	29	First Scot Am	63	+2½	3.3	5.2	27.4
138	40	Foreign & Colnl	109½	+2	3.8	3.3	36.4
78	39	Gt Japan Inv	85	+1	0.8b	0.9	47.3
95½	31	Gen Funds 'Ord'	86	..	5.3	6.2	44.1
73	30	Do Conv	70	..	..	..	..
90	34	Gen Inv & Tsts	66	• ..	4.2	6.3	22.0
78	24	Gen Scottish	65	+2	3.9b	6.0	23.3
77½	22	Glendevon	58	..	3.1	5.4	27.9
63	20	Glenmurray	44	..	2.1	4.8	37.3
53	30½	Do B Ord	40	+1	..	..	..
80	35	Globe Trust	69½	+1	2.5	3.7	40.0
75	26	Govett Euro	67½	+1½	3.7b	5.5	24.1
50	27	Grange Trust	48½	-1	2.2	4.5	29.8
78	30	Great Northern	69	+1	4.6	6.6	16.4
58	20	Greenfriar	49½	..	1.4	2.9	53.2
103	28	Gresham Hse	37	+2	4.3	12.1	4.4
56½	24	Guardian	45	..	2.3	5.1	25.3
94	30	Hambros 'A'	69½	..	6.0	8.7	32.9
68	15	Do B	16	..	..	..	..
70	22½	Harcros	36	..	2.0	5.5	26.0
118	61	Hill P. Inv	93	..	6.9	7.5	20.0
81	24½	Hume Hldgs 'A'	45	-1	4.3	9.2	21.4
63	21	Do B	43	-1	..	..	..
36	15¼	Indus & General	32½	+½	1.8	5.0	28.4
72	21	Interest Inv	48	..	2.7b	5.8	21.9
94	30	Invest in Suc	84½	..	3.1	3.7	37.1
140	61	Inv Tst Corp	123	+1	6.1	5.0	28.0
54	21	Inv Cap Trst	45	+1	1.5b	3.3	39.1
109	35	Jardine Japan	93	• +1	0.8	0.8	..
122	50	Jersey Ext	90	..	..	..	..
109	35	Kellock Hldgs	32	..	..	..	..
68	33	Lake View Inv	54	+1	2.1	3.8	33.1
74	30	Ldn & Holyrood	67	..	3.7b	5.5	28.8
123	43	Ldn & Montrose	108	..	5.5	5.0	28.8
71	33	Ldn & Prov Tst	63	..	3.4b	5.3	..
68	28	Ldn Elec & Gen	58	+1	2.9	5.1	23.9
70	22	Ldn Intercont	46	f ..	..	..	..
52	14	Ldn Merch Sec	21½	..	..	..	..
60	23	Do Cap	21½	..	..	..	..
70	21	Ldn Pru Invest	36	..	2.8b	7.8	20.8
86	30	Ldn Scot Amer	57	• ..	5.0	8.7	21.9
200	98	Ldn Trust	183	..	9.8	5.3	31.7
92	30	Melbourne Gen	86	+2	3.7	4.2	34.1
19½	6	Menteith	8½	..	0.7	7.9	13.1
49	20	Mercantile Inv	29½	+1	2.4b	8.4	19.0
51	23	Merchants Trust	45	• +1	2.7	6.0	24.5
37	16	Monks Inv	32	+½	1.6	5.0	27.1
245	140	Nelson Fin	240	..	5.1	2.1	11.0
51	20	New Court Euro	61	..	2.8	4.7	16.8
36	11	New Throg 'Inc'	13½	..	2.3b	17.0	7.3
154	29	Do Cap	51	+1	..	..	..
76	38	North Atlantic	68	+1	2.5	3.7	31.9
79	34	Northern Amer	63	+3	3.3	5.2	28.3
76	40	Northern Sec	69	..	3.7	5.3	32.4
45	16	Oil & Associated	31½	..	2.3	7.1	20.3
81	34	Pentland	70	+1½	3.4	5.7	24.7
28	1	Portfolio Int	4	..	0.6	16.0	8.3
183	140	Progressive Sec	163	..	6.0	3.7	32.9
105	24	Prop Inv & Fin	31	+1	..e	..	6.9
110	42	Raeburn	84	+1	4.5	5.3	21.1
55	15	River Plate	86	..	6.3	7.3	..
97	45	Romney Trust	57	..	3.1	5.5	25.6
400	237	Rothschild	350	+2	14.0	4.0	26.7
97	48	Safeguard	49	..	4.0	10.1	13.8
91	34½	Scot Amer	51	+1	2.6	5.1	..
58	30½	Scot&Cont'Inv	51	..	1.5	2.9	35.7
60	24	Scot & Merc 'A'	25	..	3.4	9.8	12.4
102½	46	Scot Eastern	92	+3½	4.3	4.7	28.3
63	27	Scot European	37	..	1.5b	4.0	35.9
84	33	Scot Invest	73	+4½	3.1	4.3	32.3
86	40	Scot Mortgage	81½	+5	3.4b	4.2	33.2
111	47½	Scot National	94	+2	4.0	4.2	31.9
94	35	Scot Northern	63	+3	3.5	5.5	24.2
70½	36½	Scot United	64½	s +½	1.4	2.2	41.1
81	32	Scot Western	68	+3	2.5	4.0	33.5
77	30½	Do B	56	+1	..	..	..
141	69½	Sec Alliance	130	+3	6.3	4.8	29.7
192	55	Sec Br Am	107	+2	2.3b	2.1	29.5
73	28	Sec Gt Northern	57	+1	2.3	4.0	35.6
68	25	Do B	56	+1	..	..	..
77	33	Sec Scot Inv	69½	+3	2.8	4.0	34.8
138	66	Secs Tst Scot	117	+2	6.9	5.9	22.3
105	53	Standard Trust	99	+1	5.9	5.9	20.3
123	58	Sterling Trust	110	..	5.8	5.3	26.5
125	125	Stockholders	232	+6	8.2	3.5	36.0
30	30	Throg Sec Cap	00	..	..	..	..
36	1	Throgmtn Trust	39	..	5.3	13.6	9.9
5	26	Triplevest 'Inc'	47	• -2	5.6	11.8	13.6
150	30	Do Cap	89	+2	..	..	..
92	42	Trustees Corp	84	+1	4.3	5.1	26.5
88	46	Tyneside Inv	84	..	3.7	4.4	33.9
189	38	Utd Brit Secs	155	..	8.5	5.5	26.6
72	7½	Utd States Deb	63	+2	3.6	5.7	23.3
127	46	Utd States Gen	116	+3	5.9	5.1	23.3
128	2	Viking Res	49	+1	0.8b	1.5	81.7
39	26	Whitsparker	27	f ..	..	..	..
158	62	W'bottom Trust	117	..	5.0b	4.2	29.8
76	33	Wiltan Inv	56	..	2.2	3.8	..
74	32	Do B	53	+1	0.1	0.2	44.9
128	50	Yeoman Tst	107	+1	6.8	6.3	20.4
30	16	Yorks & Lancs	18	..	1.6	8.7	16.4
51	20	Young Co Inv	33	+4	3.6	11.0	10.6

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
222	82	Brit & Comm.	187	+9	10.5	5.6	9.2
95	40	Fisher J.	78	• ..	3.5	4.4	4.2
204	103	Furness Withy	163	+10	8.1	5.0	6.9
160	43	Hill C. Bristol	75	..	..	..	..
310	75	Hunting Gibson	125	..	13.6	10.9	1.4
42½	14	Jacobs J. I.	21½	• -1	2.3	10.6	6.2
155	27	Manch Liners	152	..	7.5	4.9	3.7
121	50	Ocean Trans	98½	+2	8.8a	8.9	6.3
134	57	P & O 'Dfd'	106	+8	7.5	7.0	3.4
115	58	Runciman W.	101	+5	7.7	7.6	8.6

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
390	250	Amal Colls	375	..	23.1	6.2	..
535	245	Anglo Am Corp	375	-31	17.8	4.7	..
42	20	Ang Am Gold	£38	-¼	152	4.0	..
29¼	13¼	Anglo Am Inv	£23	-½	179	7.6	..
18	8	Anglo Transvl	£11	+¼	50.9	4.5	..
18	6	Do A	£11	..	50.9	4.6	..
169	77	Ayer Hitam	125	..	14.6	11.7	..
58	20	Beralt Tin	30	..	..	..	..
138	43	Bishopsgate Pl	80	-1	..e	..	..
10¼	5½	Blyvoors	£8¾	..	65.5	7.5	..
280	41	Botswana RST	70	-3	..	..	..
360	162	Bracken Mines	300	-40	36.3	12.1	..
204	128	BH South	188	-12	7.3	3.9	..
22½	14½	Buffelsfontein	£18	..	112	6.2	..
221	83	Charter Cons	140	..	8.9	6.4	..
276½	154	Cons Gold Fields	207	-1	10.0	4.8	..
40	7	Durgafontein	17	..	..	..	..
343	154	De Beers 'Dfd'	238	..	15.3	6.4	..
14½	6¼	Doornfontein	£12¾	..	71.7	5.9	..
29	7½	Durban Rood	£11	..	68.8	7.8	..
195	45	East Dagga	87	..	15.7	18.0	..
11¼	5	E Driefontein	£9	..	34.3	..	..
48	16	E Rand Cons	21	..	71.7	..	..
5	5¼	E. Rand Prop	£11	-¼	62.0	7.9	..
455	190	Elsburg Gold	375	-6	28.3	..	..
17	11	Ex-Lands	15	..	2.0	13.6	..
39½	16¼	F S Geduld	£26¾	• -1¼	191	7.1	..
390	200	Geduld Inv	320	..	1.1	6.5	..
300	198	Geevor Tin	218	..	1.6	14.0	..
29 15/16	14½	Gen Mining	£28	+¼	130	4.7	..
14½	9	Gold & Base	13	..	1.3	9.6	..
260	150	Gopeng Cons	235	-3	21.3	9.1	..
83	23	Gt Boulder Gold	41	-1	2	..	..
510	130	Grootvlei	270	-10	0	7.2	..
145	74	Hamersley	122	-1	..	..	..
167	60	Hampton Gold	90	..	7	1.6	..
10¼	4½	Harmony	£7¾	-¼	49	6.6	..
29¼	16¼	Hartebeest	£25	+¼	..	4.9	..
29¼	9	Jo'burg Cons	£19	-¼	..	4.6	..
800	305	Kinross	580	• -60	36	6.3	..
15½	8½	Kloof	£11¼	-½	42	3.8	..
232	77	Leslie	160	• -13	14	8.9	..
16¼	6	Libanon	£13¾	..	71	5.2	..
160	100	Ldn Tin	155	..	10	6.7	..
206	75	Lydenburg Plat	95	-1	..	..	..
224	94	MIM Hldgs	170	-1	5.9	3.5	..
150	62	MTD (Mangula)	80	..	30.0	25.0	..
173	85	Malayan Tin	157	..	15.0	9.6	..
710	260	Marievale Con	360	-20	52.6	14.6	..
390	180	Messina Trans	320	..	27.2	8.6	..
77	22	Metals Explor	42	-2	..	..	..
545	280	Middle Wits	370	..	13.7	..	..
233	138	Minorco	197	..	9.4	4.8	..

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
467	182	Nthgate Explor	285	-10	20.5	7.1	..
63	32	Pahang Cons	50	-3	3.1	6.3	..
434	145	Peko Wallsend	270	-20	..	..	..
267	100	Potgietersrust	160	-14	..	..	..
27	11½	Pres Brand	£22¾	• -1¼	151	6.8	..
22¾	11½	Pres Steyn	£17¼	• -1¼	83.3	4.8	..
470	130	Rand Mine Prop	235	-25	7.4	2.6	..
31	12	Randfontein	£27½	-1	..	..	..
12¾	5½	Rand Select	£8¾	-½	43.2	4.9	..
38	13	Rhodesian Corp	20	+1	0.8	4.2	..
224	74	Rio Tinto Zinc	138	+4	8.4	6.1	..
440	255	Roan Cons 'B'	320	..	..	..	..
35¼	14	St Helena	£30¼	• -2¼	163	5.3	..
63	7	St Piran	19	..	..e	..	..
19	10	Sea Diam	13	..	..	..	..
530	235	Selection Tst	484	-3	20.9	4.1	..
435	178	Sentrust	365	-20	17.5	4.8	..
46	27	Silverminès	42	..	6.0	14.3	..
700	330	SA Coal	700	..	21.8	3.1	..
11¼	2	SA Land	£8	-¼	52.6	9.7	..
17½	4	Southvaal	£10¼	-¼	3.4	..	..
133	67	Sthn Malayan	128	..	15.0	11.7	..
91	45	Sungei Besi	63	..	9.1	14.5	..
215	90	Tang Cons	130	..	13.2	10.2	..
88	38	Tanjong Tin	82	..	6.5	7.9	..
290	220	Tharsis Sulph	230	..	..	..	..
13	5	Transvaal Cons	£10	-¼	40.0b	4.0	..
87	41	Tronoh Mines	65	..	6.0	8.8	..
486	220	UC Invest	360	-25	22.4	6.2	..
490	253	Union Corp	433	-7	25.8	5.7	..
258	83	Union Plat	125	-5	..	..	..
34½	15¼	Vaal Reefs	£27½	-½	138	5.0	..
11¾	2	Venterspost	£9¼	-1¼	59.3	6.5	..
17½	7½	Vereen Est	£17	..	70.4	4.2	..
107	46	Wankie Colliery	63	• ..	7.0	11.1	..
247	83	Waterval Plat	123	-3	13.2	10.8	..
650	323	Welkom	430	• -33	33.9	..	..
48¼	23¼	W Driefontein	£43½	-¼	203	8.4	..
670	165	W Rand Cons.	355	-25	25.0	7.0	..
745	300	Western Areas	610	-10	43.6	7.1	..
22¾	10¼	Western Deep	£18¼	-¼	100	5.5	..
39¾	19	Western Hldgs	£34	• -2½	275	8.1	..
184	76	Western Mining	161	-1	4.5	2.8	..
13¼	5	Winkelhaak	£10¼	• -¼	69.6	6.8	..
65	47½	Zambia Copper	61	..	..	..	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
59½	32½	Ampol Pet	38½	-½	3.1	8.1	10.3
42	14	Ang Ecuador	38	..	3.6	9.8	4.2
91	53	Attock	59	..	6.3e	10.6	28.8
151	30	Berry Wiggins	72	+3	2.9	4.0	30.9
180	66	Brit Borneo	114	-3	7.1	6.2	13.7
584	191	BP	340	-1	25.2	7.3	2.8
485	34	Burmah Oil	40½	-½	..	..	1.6
33¼	13½	C F Petroles	£23	+¼	74.6	3.2	6.3
108	32	Oil Exploration	74	• ..	2.4	3.2	15.0
33½	9	Premier Cons	13½	..	..	..	..
30¼	8	Ranger Oil	£16⅜	+⅛	..	..	..
27¾	14¾	Royal Dutch	£24½	-½	140	5.7	4.3
268	119	Shell	224	• -8	17.9	8.0	2.3
190	30	Tricentrol	79	+2	3.2	4.2	12.5
240	65	Ultramar	106	-2	..	..	4.3

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
72	24	Allied Ldn	43	+1	3.5	8.1	6.5
120	56	Allnatt Ldn	102	..	4.4	4.3	20.9
84	22	Amal Inv	52½	• +1½	0.7	1.4	8.5
93	38	Apex Props	90	..	2.5	2.7	44.1
24	7	Aquis Secs	14½	..	0.8	5.8	35.8
62	15	Argyle Secs	26	+½	..	..	..
89½	37	Artagen Props	78	+1	2.2	3.0	27.3
12	1½	Bank & Com	4¾	..	..	..	..
65	25	Beaumont Prop	53½	..	4.0	7.5	16.3
218	50	Berkeley Hmbro	140	+3	4.4	3.2	17.2
102	50	Bilton Percy	95	..	5.6a	5.9	13.3
100	48	Do Accum	83	..	0.3	0.3	..
110	56	Bradford Prop	93	..	7.3	7.8	6.0
49½	7	Brit Anmal	21½	+1	..e	..	..
121	6½	British Land	24	+1	..e	..	..
94	33	Brixton Estate	63½	+1½	2.6	3.1	27.7
91	11½	Cap & Counties	27½	+2½	3.4	12.2	2.3
93	12	Centrovincial	33	-1	..e	..	12.4
91	12	Do Cap	28	-2	..	..	..
203	66	Chesterfield	130	..	4.2	3.2	19.3
75	16	Chown Secs	41	+1	2.1	5.1	3.5
208	48	Churchbury Est	105	..	4.8b	4.6	22.4
58½	28	City Offices	38	..	2.0	5.2	22.0
34	9¼	Country & New T	19½	+3½	0.9	4.8	24.7
82	14	County & Dist	29	..	..e	..	15.5
110	14	Daejan Hldgs	38	..	4.5	12.5	10.7
111½	17	Eng Prop	61½	+3½	3.4b	5.5	9.5
92	23	Estates Prop	51	..	3.6	7.1	13.1
310	33	Evans of Leeds	73	..	5.3	7.1	11.8
39½	5	Fraternal Est	11	-1	..	..	..
280	85	Glanfield Secs	165	-1	13.1b	7.9	14.4
242	87	Gt Portland	220	+3	4.5	2.0	44.9
43	12	Green R.	20	..	2.0	10.0	25.3
86	20	Guildhall	46	..	2.8	6.0	16.4
470	125	Hammerson	335	+15	6.8	2.0	31.2
470	125	Do A	335	+15	6.8	2.0	31.3
238	75	Haslemere Ests	184	+6	3.4	1.8	54.1
74	22½	Intereuropean	33	+1	..	..	7.6
80	18	IPH	45	..	..e	..	19.1
50	4	Joriel	14	..	..	..	..
44	22	Land & Gen	27	..	..	..	42.2
35	8	Do A NV	11	..	..	..	17.2
124	38	Land & House	64	..	5.3	8.2	9.0
312	69½	Land Secs	168	..	8.5b	3.3	35.0
101	32	Law Land	69	+3	3.1	3.5	35.9
112	28	Ldn & Prov Sh	75	..	1.3	1.9	48.3
32	5½	Ldn City & Westclf	18	+½	0.1	0.5	..
50	12	Ldn Shop	47	+1	4.1	8.8	11.3
110	37	Lynton Hldgs	87	+1	2.7b	3.1	36.3
173	62	MEPC	148	+1	6.0	4.0	27.3
108	25	Marler Estates	38	+½	..e	..	7.9
44	11	Midhurst Whites	20	• ..	1.3	6.3	37.7
260	88	New London	147	+2	7.4	5.1	21.2
85	16½	Peachey Prop	37	+1½	..e	..	6.8
200	76	Prop & Rever	155	..	5.9	3.8	27.0
180	76	Do A	163	..	5.9	3.8	27.0
240	90	Prop Hldgs	195	+6	7.1b	3.6	14.3
83¼	19	Prop Sec	53	+1	2.3	4.4	17.1
24¼	3	Raglan Prop	6½	..	..	..	..
110	33	Regional	55	..	2.4	4.3	20.5
104	25	Do A	47	..	2.4	5.1	17.3
66	12	Rush & Tompkins	40	..	3.2	8.0	5.3
80	13½	Samuel Props	33	+1	1.5	4.2	10.3
82	31¾	Scot Met Props	75	-1	2.8b	3.7	31.9
77	18	Slough Ests	69	• ..	2.5	3.7	35.3
184	52	Stock Conv	130	-2	2.3b	1.8	40.6
134	63	Sunley B.	140	..	5.9	4.2	18.9
59	5	Town & City	29½	+1½	..e	..	..
34	9	Town & Com	24	-½	0.8	..	..
30	8½	Town Cen Secs	14	+2	0.9	6.6	..
65	27	Trafford Park	50	+1	4.7	9.3	11.8
43¼	6	UK Props	14	..	4.1	29.4	..
23	7½	Webb J.	12½	..	1.1a	8.8	11.7
84	15	W'mster & C'ty	18	..	2.1	11.5	2.6
102	10	Wingate Inv	38	-1	..e	..	..
18½	3½	Woodmill	5	-1	1.0	19.0	2.7

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
39½	25	Anglo-Indonesia	36	-1	2.6	7.3	..
75	45	Bradwall FMS	61	..	2.8	4.5	..
118	57	Castlefield	80	+1	2.9	3.6	..
28	16	Chersonese	23½	-1	1.4	6.0	..
66	26	Cons Plant	56	• -1	4.4	7.8	..
24	10	Doranakande	10	..	1.4	13.5	..
48	27	E. Asiatic	48	..	2.2b	4.6	..
73	38	Gadek	63	+3	2.8	4.4	..
57½	28	Golden Hope	53½	-1½	2.8	5.1	..
7¾	4¼	Grand Central	7½	..	0.8	10.0	..
415	126	Guthrie Corp	235	+3	19.8b	8.3	..
57½	24	Highlds & Low	47	-½	1.4	3.0	..
100	50	Hongkong	50	..	6.0	12.0	..
150	94	Killinghall	95	..	8.1b	8.6	..
32½	15½	Kulim Grp	25	+1	1.9	7.5	..
85	26	Ldn Asiatic	53	-2	2.9	5.3	..
39¼	20	Ldn Sumatra	33	..	1.5	4.8	..
54	33	Majedie	49	..	1.6	3.2	..
14½	5¼	Malayalam	7	• ..	..	..	..
91	41	Muar River	56	..	2.0	3.6	..
51½	26	Pataling	50	-1½	3.1	6.2	..
50	29½	Plant Hldgs	39½	..	2.4	6.5	..
14	7	Sungei Krian	£10½	..	46.5	4.4	..

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
81	50	Assam Frontier	78	-2	10.0	12.8	..
54	28	Assam Inv	37	..	4.7	12.8	..
46	27	Camellia Inv	38	+1	2.2	5.9	..
46	20	Clairmace	42	..	5.2	12.4	..
110	76	Crosby Hse	84	..	12.0	14.3	..
32	12	Deundi	16	..	..	..	..
130	130	Doolahat	130	f ..	5.0	3.8	..
133	62	Jorehaut	110	h ..	..	..	..
150	48	McLeod Russel	73	..	8.2	11.2	..
96	80	Moran	96	..	8.1	8.4	..
31	23	Ouvah Hightds	24	..	2.2	9.2	..
44	21	Peacock Sasini	21	..	3.5b	16.6	..
28	18	Sthn India	25	..	..	..	..
25	14	Surmah Valley	14	..	..	..	..
100	58	Warren Tea	77	-1	8.4	10.9	..
41	20	Western Dooars	41	..	6.0	14.6	..
80	56	Williamsn Hldgs	68	..	6.3	9.3	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
900	530	Algoma Cent Rly	880	..	26.0	3.0	11.2
20	5	Antofagasta	£11½	-1½	..	..	..
45	12	Calcutta Elec	21	..	..e	..	..
50	34	E Surrey W 7%	£43	..	700	16.3	..
39½	29½	Essex Wtr 5%	£32	..	500	16.6	..
202	46	Felixstowe Dock	85	-3	9.7	11.4	10.9
322½	100	Imp Cont Gas	265	+10	10.2	3.8	22.4
430	110	LRT Hldgs	138	h ..	3.1	2.3	..
39½	29	Mid Kent Wtr	£32	..	500	15.6	..
132	36	Milford Docks	73	..	..	..	13.3
93	58	Nigerian Elec	73	..	11.8	16.2	..
385	230	Perak Rvr Hydro	320	-10	24.6	7.7	11.6
35½	26	Sunderlnd Wtr	£31	..	500	16.1	..

* Adjusted for tax changes. • Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adj for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 07.04.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	122.82	7.43	15.82	118.93
Largest Cors.	121.14	7.38	15.52	116.91
Smaller Cors.	126.30	7.59	15.46	122.86
Capital Goods	126.54	7.74	15.90	122.48
Consumer Goods	142.15	7.35	13.98	138.91
Store Shares	114.13	7.28	8.50	111.08
Largest financial shares	137.49	6.10	—	132.12
Largest financial and industrial shares	128.55	7.04	—	125.32
Commodity shares	199.20	4.59	33.11	192.59
Gold Mining shares	577.18	5.77	3.84	597.20
Industrial debenture stocks	77.48	7.93*	—	77.48
Industrial preference stocks	52.79	13.34*	—	52.57
3½% War Loan	26¼	13.65*	—	27

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High		Low	
All-time	193.47	(15.08.72)	60.18	(12.12.74)
1975	124.30	(06.03.75)	61.42	(06.01.75)
1974	136.18	(28.02.74)	60.18	(12.12.74)
1973	189.33	(12.01.73)	120.99	(14.12.73)
1972	136.47	(15.08.72)	114.48	(10.01.72)
1971	174.77	(31.12.71)	122.23	(02.04.71)
1970	145.78	(14.01.70)	110.75	(26.05.70)

* Flat interest yield.

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Ford warning of 'disaster' deficit in bitter attack on congressional spending

From Frank Vogl
Washington, April 7

President Ford today bitterly attacked the Congress for increasing the prospects for renewed inflation.

He declared that: "It now looks as if the Congress will undertake an entire series of new spending initiatives, despite my request for a moratorium. A possible deficit of 100 billion (some £41,000m) is projected. That would be a disaster."

Time and again the President returned to the theme that the Administration's "continuing concern is the over-stimulation of the economy through excessive government spending".

In remarks prepared for delivery to the National Association of Broadcasters, in Las Vegas, the President demanded that the Congress impose a ceiling on the budget deficit of 60,000m. This level was possible if the Congress authorized no new spending, he said.

But top White House officials admit that to reach this figure the Congress would have to cut at least $12,000m of approved spending plans.

President Ford said a $100 billion deficit was "alarming" because of the impact it would have on the money market. Companies were already being squeezed out of the market for funds by high Treasury borrowing and a huge deficit "will drive up the interest rates and regenerate more inflation".

Keeping companies out of the money market would threaten to delay the economic recovery the Administration expected for the second half of this year.

The temptation would be great, he said, for the Federal Reserve to relieve the situation by increasing the money supply "but the long-term result will inevitably be more inflation".

Mr Ford stressed that over-stimulation of the economy now could negate the purpose of the large tax cut he approved last week.

Intrusion of the government into the money market must be kept to a minimum. He berated the Congress for allowing "runaway spending", and declared that "we have to stop trading today for tomorrow. Unless we do, when tomorrow comes the nation will pay a terrible price for yesterday's expediencies".

The President said he had little choice than to sign the Tax Reduction Act, but that it was wrong for the Congress to give tax relief primarily to low income groups and to take some six million Americans off the tax rolls.

He reasoned that a growing number of Americans were making no contribution because they paid no taxes and it was taxpayers who "inevitably become most concerned about America's success, rather than non-taxpayers".

US bond rates take another dive

From Our United States
Economics Correspondent
Washington, April 7

President Ford's warning of dangers to the money market is already being reflected in market rates. Bond prices plummeted again today, some falling by more than 0.75 per cent. New York dealers said this was largely because the Fed had failed to pump fresh funds into the market, as expected.

One of the country's leading issuers of commercial paper, the Commercial Credit Co, noted in its market survey today that rates had moved ahead last week because "these markets were sandbagged by concern over higher estimates for the Treasury's borrowing needs and a disappearance of Federal Reserve market accommodations".

Commercial Credit added, however, that technical factors caused the increases in rates, and foresaw continuing market digestion difficulties this week. Interest rates were expected to continue their downward trend.

Market turmoil last week saw Texaco postpone a $300m (about £125m) issue because it clearly refused to swallow a yield of around 9¼ per cent—fully ¾ per cent to ¼ per cent above what it would have had to pay if it had come to the market a couple of weeks earlier.

According to dealers, however, the supply problem may at last be coming to an end. Last week corporation borrowings amounted to $516m in the straight debt medium and long-term sector, compared with the $1,190m expected. In the previous week the amount of expected new bond issues had been $1,660m, but postponements left the final total at $714m.

This week something around $987m is expected and this is the first estimated weekly total below $1,000m for a couple of months.

Some dealers suggest the heavy recent private sector borrowing rate only partly reflects urgent debt servicing needs of companies. Many issues are on behalf of companies which feel that if they do not get to the market now they will stand no chance later in the year when Treasury borrowing is expected to climb.

Fears of large Treasury borrowing and continuing tight Fed policies have already pushed bond yields to their highest point this year, and on one issue last week $40m of 30-year bonds for Gulf State Utilities came out with a 10 per cent yield—the first double figure rate since last September.

There are still bankers and dealers who maintain that this upswing is only temporary. They suggest that inflation is abating and as it declines so lower long-term rates are bound to emerge. They are also confident that the Fed will move into the markets to relieve pressures and stabilize rate levels.

Some bankers go so far as to suggest that fears of heavy Treasury borrowing causing a major squeeze are grossly exaggerated.

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Hamilton Bros' new N Sea oil find

By Edward Townsend

Discovery of what could be a significant new oilfield in the North Sea was announced yesterday by the Hamilton Brothers group.

Preliminary indications were that the field could rival the 40,000 barrels-a-day potential of the Argyll field, also being developed by the Hamilton group, and could prove to have output of 60,000 barrels-a-day.

The discovery follows further test drilling in block 9/28 about 25 miles east of Orkney near the boundary with Norwegian waters. An exploratory well produced significant flow rates and, on subsequent deepening of the well, Hamilton said that several hundred feet of oil bearing mesozoic and permian reservoir sands had been encountered "on a very sizable structure."

Production tests over three times produced a combined flow rate of 6,500 barrels a day on various restricted chokes, but Hamilton would only say yesterday that the field appeared to be "fairly respectable".

The field is about 30 miles south of an oil find announced by Hamilton in block 9/8. Between the two discoveries a consortium led by Mobil Oil is developing the Beryl field and to the south west is Occidental's Piper field.

Production from the Argyll field, due to come on stream next month, has been held up by perhaps four months because of damaged equipment.

The Hamilton group comprises Hamilton Brothers Oil (33.5 per cent); Hamilton Brothers Petroleum Corporation (9 per cent); Hamilton Brothers Exploration (7.5 per cent); RTZ Oil and Gas (35 per cent); Blackfriars Oil (12.5 per cent); Trans-European (2.5 per cent). Roger Vielvoye writes from Paris: Third World countries led by four rich oil-producing nations appear to be shaping up for a serious confrontation with the industrialized oil consumers over the scope of the proposed world energy conference.

Fundamental differences emerged as the 10 nations attending the preliminary gathering here declared their position on how wide-ranging the agenda should be.

Iran, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Algeria are united with the three representatives of the Third World—Brazil, Zaire and India—in insisting that the full-scale conference should cover the problems of all raw materials produced, and not just energy.

But in his opening speech Mr Charles Robinson, the United States Under Secretary for Economic Affairs and head of his national delegation, said he was convinced the agenda should concentrate on the specifics of energy and directly related matters, and not become "diluted with parallel discussions of other less germane issues, however important."

However, Mr Eamon Gallagher, the leader of the EEC delegation, was less forceful in his approach, which only served to emphasize publicly the hawkish attitude the Americans are taking on the agenda.

In an apparent effort to close the gap between the American view and the diametrically opposed views of the oil producers and the Third World on raw materials, he pointed out the extent of the Community's preferential trading schemes to assist the developing nations.

As expected, Algeria has managed to weld the oil consumers and the Third World countries into a single block. M Ait-Challal, leader of the Algerian delegation, said all seven countries from the Third World were unanimous in calling for raw materials to be included on the agenda.

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GLC seeks £75m in biggest stock issue

Taking full advantage of the revival of the stock market as a fund-raising source, the Greater London Council is seeking £75m by means of a public stock issue.

This is the biggest issue ever launched by a local authority, topping by a half the previous largest, a £50m offer for sale by tender by the GLC in October, 1971. It is being arranged by the Bank of England.

Timing of the issue, which carries a coupon of 12½ per cent, matures in 1982 and has been priced at £97½, suggests that the GLC thinks medium term interest rates are unlikely to fall much further in the immediate future.

Like other local authorities, the GLC has recently been unable to raise substantial medium or long-term funds in sterling—although it has raised loans in the Eurodollar market, including a $500m 10-year loan—and to that extent is under some pressure to correct the imbalance that has tended to emerge in favour of short-term borrowings.

Part of the proceeds of the loan will indeed be used to repay temporary loans.

In addition to repaying short-term debt, the GLC will use the proceeds of the issue for general purposes, such as financing further capital spending, and making advances for house purchase. At the end of March, 1974, the council had net debt of £978m, of which £657m was attributable to housing.

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Sharp gain in Bowater profits

Although the paper industry ran into a sudden and sharp reversal of demand towards the end of 1974, the figures reported by The Bowater Corporation yesterday reflected an excellent performance. Overall, pre-tax profits rose from £47.7m to £59.5m.

But profits were dented by heavy end-year provisions against the value of investments, which pushed the finance division, which in the previous year had contributed £157,000 at the trading level, into losses put by the management at around £7m. Profits from the international trading and transport section were reduced from £9.25m to around £4m. With Treasury permission, the dividend has been increased by over 14 per cent.

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Shares surge ahead

Equities forged ahead on the London stock market yesterday as the Budget day Account opened. Dealers said that, while turnover was not heavy, institutional buyers were finding the market devoid of sellers. Money raising proposals from Rolls-Royce Motors, Pahang Consolidated and from the GLC were no check to the market rise.

The FT index, having cleared the 300 level within the first hour, touched 306.6 before closing at 305.7, a net 10 points up. Gold shares, easier at first with the bullion price, staged a rally before the end of the session.

RTZ acceptances

The first of the really major rights issues in the present spate, Rio Tinto-Zinc's £33m offering, attracted acceptances totalling 82.7 per cent of the 27.7 million shares offered at 125p each.

The shares not taken up have been sold in the market.

Rights issues totalling over £112m close this week with the first, a £15m requirement by EMI, having closed yesterday afternoon. The others are Guardian Royal Exchange's £31.6m, which closes tomorrow, and Midland Bank (£52m), Unigate (£12.5m) and Bestobell (£1.4m) where acceptances must be received by Friday.

EEC competition officials study affairs of 20-nation cable cartel

By Maurice Corina and Malcolm Brown

A detailed report on the activities of the International Cable Development Corporation, the Liechtenstein-registered organization under whose aegis cable manufacturers in at least 20 countries have been collaborating to restrict competition in world markets, is understood to be in preparation at the Directorate General of Competition in Brussels.

The European Commission has been studying the organization for some time and is thought to have notified the Office of Fair Trading in London of its activities.

In Britain, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is seeking information about the role and the nature of agreements operated by ICDC.

The Office of Fair Trading, which monitors restrictive trading agreements and maintains the secret register of export agreements, is known to be in close consultation with the European Commission, whose criterion for operating competition policy does differ from the United Kingdom but legally can override our national requirements when necessary.

Close consultation is necessary to avoid conflicts of interest, especially when British legislation does under certain conditions, allow some collective actions between manufacturers for export activities, which can, if necessary, be examined by the Monopolies Commission.

At this stage no one is suggesting that the organization has been operating illegally.

The purpose of official inquiries is to establish the facts of any national or international agreements and then examine these in the light of prevailing European legislation. What is clear is the ICDC remains reluctant to answer questions—as are some companies.

Yesterday, British cable manufacturers were making no immediate comment on their role in the organization, whose general secretary, Mr Henry Gunther Haering, was also unable to make any statement.

In Tokyo, a spokesman for Sumitomo Electric Industries told Agence France-Presse that his company and others named by The Times were "not members of ICDC".

So far as our researches have gone this statement may require further clarification. The following names have been mentioned during inquiries, but not printed until now because of the need for checking.

Preliminary indications are that a Japanese group of cable makers is a subscribing member of ICDC, which several years ago staged a special visit to Japan by other members.

Among our lists of names is that of Mr S. Sakamoto, chairman of Sumitomo, said in 1974 to be a council member of ICDC. Sources indicate that the Japanese group's chairman has been Mr M. Morioka, senior managing director of Furukawa Electric Co.

A Dr Z. Suzuki is said to have served on the council of the sister organization, the International Telephone Cable Development Association.

Other names have included Mr S. Sato, Mr H. Tanaka (possibly group secretary), Mr T. Hashimoto, Mr M. Imai, and a Mr U. Kitajima.

Whether these names are confirmed or not as participants, there can be no doubt that a significant Japanese group has been active within ICDC.

Indeed, our sources indicate that last year the group was concerned that it was not getting a fair share of allocations and expressed anxieties about the impact of currency changes on their position.

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Housing starts show a slight improvement

Housing starts showed a marginal improvement in February, but there was a fall in the number of dwellings completed. Figures published last night by the Department of the Environment show that 21,000 new dwellings were started during the month—an increase of under 1,000 on the previous month. Completions dropped by more than 1,000 to 21,000.

An analysis of the overall totals indicates that there was a very small improvement in both council house and private dwelling starts, though private starts were still at an extremely low level. A breakdown of completions shows a small improvement in the public sector and a corresponding small deterioration in the private sector.

Taking three month totals to reduce the effect of month to month fluctuations and discounting normal seasonal movements, public sector starts in the period December, 1974, to February, 1975, were up by 13 per cent on the previous three months, September to November, and 30 per cent on the period December to February a year earlier.

Completions, on the same basis were up 4 per cent and 32 per cent. Private sector starts showed a 30 per cent increase on the previous three months, but were 20 per cent down on the period December to February a year earlier.

On the same basis private sector completions were up 1 per cent on the previous three months but down 21 per cent on a year earlier.

Total starts, according to the department, were up by 19 per cent on the previous three months and 4 per cent on a year earlier, while total completions were 3 per cent up and unchanged, respectively.

Equity & Law attacks insurance rescue scheme

Another leading life assurance company, Equity & Law, has come out against the Government's proposed scheme for protecting policyholders of failed insurance companies: "We regret the introduction of such a scheme", says Sir John Witt, the chairman, in his annual report.

If such a scheme must be introduced, he says, "we regard it as an essential point of principle that only reduced benefits, certainly not more than a maximum of 90 per cent, should be guaranteed and that unduly generous benefits should be scaled down further than that.

"If the full benefits are guaranteed this is clearly an invitation to some offices to act irresponsibly and to the public to pay little attention to the quality of offices with whom it places business."

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Pound slips to lowest level for a month

Sterling weakened markedly on the foreign exchanges yesterday, falling to its lowest level for a month against the world's major currencies.

The pound's "effective rate" against 10 key currencies, compared with three years ago, worsened to 21.6 per cent from 21.2 per cent on Friday. It dropped a full cent against the dollar, closing at $2.3805—the lowest level against the American currency since early February.

The dollar was for a time undermined by rumours in the market that President Ford was about to re-commit American armed forces to the defence of the South Vietnamese government. However, as the session progressed the dollar staged a rally.

A growing belief that United States interest rates will not fall further in the short-term helped to support the dollar.

More on short time at Lucas

A further 1,000 Lucas workers in Birmingham are going on to short-time working because of the continuing fall in orders from the motor industry. From next week more than 6,000 will be operating a three-day or four-day week. The majority of them have been on short time for more than three months.

Holiday plan to avoid short-time

Vauxhall plans to give its workers an early holiday to try to avoid short-time working at the Ellesmere Port factory. The scheme to bring forward one or two weeks of the annual holiday was put to union officials yesterday. A meeting of 5,000 members of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers will consider the proposal today.

Fiat protest stoppage to fight cutback

From John Earle
Rome, April 7

Fiat's 187,000 workers will stage a four-hour strike tomorrow following the breakdown of talks with the unions on measures to reduce car production over the next three months.

Both sides now await a second attempt at mediation by Signor Mario Toros, the Labour Minister, whose intervention brought them together for a meeting last Friday evening in Turin. This, however, quickly ran into deadlock.

There are two main points at issue. First, the unions wish to soften the impact of plans by the management to lose between five and 14 days' production in different plants by the end of June through temporary lay offs.

The company argues that unless such action is taken the stock of unsold vehicles may approach 300,000—well above the agreed safety level of 250,000.

Secondly, the unions are calling on the management to guarantee that there will be no dismissals this year among the 4,000 or so employees of small companies under contract for activities in Fiat plants such as internal transport, maintenance, cleaning and electrical repairs.

Though Fiat has given such a guarantee for its own staff, it suspects this may prove the thin end of a wedge for entering into obligations towards the hundreds of thousands of employees of small concerns in Piedmont which supply it with components and spare parts.

Krupp steel takeover given EEC approval

From David Cross
Brussels, April 7

The go-ahead was given today by the European Economic Community to a West German steel merger accounting for about 10 per cent of the EEC's total production of special steels.

An announcement by the European Commission in Brussels authorized Fried Krupp Hüttenwerke (FKH) of Bochum, the steel-producing subsidiary of the Krupp group, to acquire a majority of the share capital of Stahlwerke Süd Westfalen, of Hüttental-Geisweid (SSW).

The latter company is an important producer of special steels, with annual overseas sales worth some DM 1,500m (about £260m) and a workforce of about 15,000.

The takeover will, however, be subject to certain restrictions.

These include a ban on members of the management of the new group helping to run other EEC steel companies, and on further takeovers of companies which produce or distribute certain special steel products without prior authorization from the Commission's anti-trust department.

The Commission justifies the FKH-SSW merger on the ground that it will not impede effective competition by other EEC and overseas producers, even in the special steels sector.

Output falls: West Germany's crude steel production declined to 3.53 million metric tons in March from 3.60 million in February and 4.74 million in March, 1974, the Federal Statistics Office announced in Düsseldorf.

During the first quarter, crude steel output declined to 11.41 million tons from 13.37 million in the corresponding 1974 period.

Pigiron output last month declined to 2.61 million tons from 2.70 million in February and 3.56 million in the previous March. First quarter pigiron output totalled 8.63 million tons, against 10.05 million tons a year earlier.—AP-Dow Jones.

Fewer workless: West German unemployment figures for March are expected to show a drop of about 70,000 to 1,110,000, informed sources report in Bonn.

This would lower the unemployment rate to 4.9 per cent of the labour force compared with February's 5.2 per cent.

Unemployment in Germany topped the million mark in January for the first time since 1958. The February total was 1,180,000, with 956,000 on short time.—Reuter.

Rolls £2m rights issue

Rolls-Royce Motors Holdings announced yesterday that it was raising £2,045,000 by a 1-for-7 rights issue of new shares at 36p each. The money will be used to enlarge the productive capacity of the car and diesel divisions and provide working capital.

This will enable it to meet demand, which "remains encouraging".

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Deelkraal Gold raising £25m

Deelkraal Gold Mining, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Gold Fields of South Africa, is raising 40m rand (£25m) to finance development costs until 1977. Twenty million shares are being offered at 2 rands each of which 6.15 million will be taken up by GFSA, the 49 per cent-owned subsidiary of Consolidated Gold Fields. The balance of 13.85 million shares will be offered to GFSA shareholders on the basis of 85 Deelkraal for every 100 GFSA.

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Industry's verdict on EEC membership

In a major survey to test business opinion, The Times Business News has asked the chairmen of the United Kingdom's leading industrial and financial companies their views on Britain and the EEC. Chairmen of all the 500 largest industrial companies and of leading banks and insurance institutions were asked to give their views on whether the United Kingdom should stay in the EEC, and to make an assessment of the likely impact which leaving would have on their business.

The results, which are based on a high level of response, provide a striking insight into how the men at the top in industry view the effect of British membership. They will be published in detail in The Times Business News tomorrow.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 122.82 +2.89
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Rises

Avon Rubber	10p to 68p
Ass News	10p to 117p
Barclays Bk	10p to 242p
Boots	6p to 192p
Beecham Grp	9p to 225p
Greenall	6p to 46p
GKN	7p to 225p
Lloyds Bk	7p to 195p
Lake & Elliot	5p to 45p
Maple Macwds	2p to 17p
Sun Alliance	20p to 380p
Thomson Org	15p to 170p
Vaux	10p to 205p
Vickers	4p to 131p

Falls

Anglo Am Corp	31p to 377p
Broken Hill	20p to 565p
B. H. South	12p to 188p
Bk of NSW	15p to 550p
Bracken Mines	40p to 300p
Lion Int	3p to 34p
Leslie	13p to 160p
Pres Brand	175p to 2225p
Shell	8p to 224p
Sentrust	20p to 355p
UC Invest	25p to 350p
Venesta	4p to 6p
Welkom	55p to 430p
Western Areas	10p to 615p

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.84	1.79
Austria Sch	41.50	39.00
Belgium Fr	87.00	84.25
Canada $	2.45	2.40
Denmark Kr	13.40	13.00
Finland Mk	8.70	8.45
France Fr	10.30	10.00
Germany DM	5.80	5.60
Greece Dr	72.00	69.75
Hongkong $	11.65	11.30
Italy Lr	1545.00	1495.00
Japan Yn	720.00	695.00
Netherlands Gld	5.90	5.70
Norway Kr	12.10	11.75
Portugal Esc	57.50	57.50
S Africa Rd	1.82	1.76
Spain Pes	136.00	131.00
Sweden Kr	9.70	9.40
Switzerland Fr	6.25	6.05
US $	2.435	2.385
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.50	38.25

Rates for bank notes only as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Sterling declined by 100 points to $2.3805. The "effective devaluation" rate was 21.6 per cent.
Gold fell by $1 yesterday to $172.50 an oz.
SDR-$ was 1.24175 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.521131.
Commodities: Lead closed below £200 a tonne on the LME yesterday, with falls of £10 for cash metal and £8 for three months. Reuters' commodity index was 1.6 points lower at 1,088.3.
Equities rose sharply.
Gilt-edged securities were mixed.

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Multy-Purpose sales over 50% of total!

Profits and Dividend
Profits earned during 1974, after depreciation but before taxation, amounted to £669,289 (1973: £819,260). A total dividend equivalent to 1.1951p per share (1973: 1.1576p) has been declared.

Sales
The value of orders procured, as compared with 1973, increased in the Home Market by 13.41% and in Export Markets by 9.3%. Multy-Purpose Dry Powder Extinguishers accounted for over 50% of total extinguisher sales.

Service Scheme
A record number of new Service Contracts was obtained in 1974. 90 Service Engineers were responsible for the maintenance of the extinguishers of over 95,000 users in Britain (1973: 85,000).

Results in brief

Year	Turnover	Trading Profit	Depreciation	Taxation	Net Profit
1972	£4,956,863	£756,825	£204,412	£331,439	£669,974
1973	£4,862,598	£823,589	£67,344	£437,987	£381,273
1974	£5,928,823	£763,343	£94,564	£372,319	£296,570

Outlook
The immediate future does not promise any noteworthy easing in the general economic situation. Inflation continues unchecked. No promises are made for 1975.

Extracts from the Review by the Chairman, Mr. Find Graucob, of the 1974 Accounts of Nu-Swift Industries Ltd.

The 15th Annual General Meeting will be held at the Viking Hotel, North Street, York, on Friday, the 9th May, 1975, at 3 p.m.
Your copy of complete Review and Accounts will be forwarded on request.

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The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, presided over by Mr. Jean COTTIER, assisted by Mr. Georges ASSEMAT, Honorary Chairman, and Mr François GISCARD d'ESTAING, Chief executive, took place on March 26, 1975, with a view to approving the accounts for the 1974 accounting period.

The balance-sheet total runs to over Frs. 47 Billion.

Medium and Long Term export operations include, on one hand, Frs. 17,220 million for claims on debt obligations and, on the other hand, utilizations of Purchasers' Credits and re-discounting of Suppliers' Credits which, together, have jumped up by 23% to reach a figure of Frs. 4,327 million. Financing of the latter operations this year has been ensured exclusively via currency loans (public or private), totalling U.S.$165 million in all.

Among the other balance-sheet headings it will be noted that, on the "Liabilities" side, the total for deposits comes to Frs. 8,743 million, of which Frs. 6,492 million stands for banks and Frs 2,251 million for clients (increase of Frs. 360 million). On the "Assets" side, credits in foreign currencies situated "hors encadrement", show more rapid development than Franc loans to customers.

After making the various provisions—particularly for company taxes (Frs. 44.8 million as against Frs. 31.9 for 1973); for employee profit sharing (Frs. 4.85 million); for investment reserve (Frs. 2.3 million) and after depreciation amounting to Frs. 18.7 million of which Frs. 18.5 million for "buildings", "fixtures" and "equipment", computed so as to reduce each of these headings to a token amount of 1 Franc, the net profit (up by 32%) works out at Frs. 18,820,705, as opposed to the previous year's figure of Frs. 14,244,907.

This improvement in results has allowed an appropriation of Frs. 5,500,000—to general reserves (as compared to Frs. 3,600,000—in 1973) and an increase in the dividend from 7% to 7.5%, plus tax credit.

UN survey sees hope for ending oil deficits

From Vanya Walker-Leigh
Geneva, April 7

Although the industrialized countries' oil bill will increase by $10,000m (about £4,200m) in 1975, their oil-induced balance of payments deficits may be eliminated within the next few years, according to the annual survey of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, released here today.

According to the commission, recent experience has demonstrated great flexibility in the relationship between oil consumption and growth, while prospects for both energy conservation and the development of alternative energy sources are proving highly favourable.

Furthermore aid transfers and loans from oil producers to non-oil developing countries have been far greater than foreseen, and since actual commitments are several times higher than disbursements to date the import capacity of non-oil developing countries can be expected to increase markedly in the years ahead.

Major arms expenditures by oil producers is another positive factor since the ECE finds that unlike industrial projects, such outlays are not hampered by lack of management and need not be delayed by appraisal problems.

The only possible limitation to these expenditures is the restricted arms storage facilities of the Arab states. Also 1975 exports to Opec countries of other goods are expected to expand at least as fast as in 1974.

Most important is the growing hesitation of oil producers to invest surpluses in either financial or real assets in the industrialized world. There are signs that they are increasingly turning to the creation of real assets in their own or other developing countries.

The ECE advises industrialized countries to speed up this "absorptive" process by facilitating the purchase of capital goods and transfer of knowhow and skilled personnel.

But the liquidation of accumulating oil deficits through the transfer of real resources to oil and non-oil developing countries might "mortgage" the growth of the developed world for several years by forcing a shift of resources away from private consumption into investment in export industries.

This could give rise to several severe social pressures, and inflation, the survey states.

Libya cuts crude contract costs by 30 cents a barrel

Beirut, April 7.—Libya has cut its contract prices for government crude oil by about 30 cents a barel, with effect from April 1, the *Middle East Economic Survey* reports.

The well informed weekly oil bulletin said prices for high-quality Brega and Zuetina crudes have fallen to $11.56 from $11.86 a barrel, while the Amna and Sarir crudes are down to $11.20 from $11.57-$11.58.

Observers here said this meant that contract prices for Libyan crude oils have dropped by 25 per cent since the beginning of last year, when they were all selling at $16 a barrel.

The journal said it understands the new prices are being offered for large volume (at least 20,000 barrels a day), long-term contracts for the remainder of this year.

Meeting with Minister: Mr Abdel-Muttaleb Al-Kazimi, the Kuwait oil minister, had talks with Mr James Strand, chief executive of the Kuwait Oil Co yesterday. The talks are believed to be related to the Government's negotiations with British Petroleum and Gulf Oil of America, whose total 40 per cent stake in KOC is being bought by the state, informed sources said.

Leicester society restrains lending despite inflow

Leicester Building Society has taken the lead in publicly announcing that it will not be stampeded into excessive lending as a result of the surge of new funds.

Mr Basil Sharman, chairman, said yesterday that the society—the seventh largest in the country, with assets of over £650m—would stabilize its lending at the rate of £150m a year.

"Liquidity will be allowed to rise and these additional funds will be available in the future in order to maintain a more stable level of lending if the inflow from investors is not as buoyant as it is now", Mr Sharman said.

Wimbledon absorbed: Gateway Building Society, with assets exceeding £330m, hopes to take over the engagements of the £1.1m Wimbledon Building Society on July 1.

Pye wins £4.5m Angolan contract

A £4.5m contract to supply telecommunications equipment to the Angolan posts and telecommunications services has been won by London-based Pye TMC Ltd, part of the Pye of Cambridge group. The contract also includes installation, supporting services and training of local personnel.

NCB contract: The National Coal Board has awarded contracts worth almost £23m for supply of conveyor belting from seven United Kingdom companies. The equipment is to be delivered in the 12 months up to the end of April, 1976.

BIM urges flexible approach to worker participation legislation

By Paul Routledge

The British Institute of Management yesterday urged the Government not to impose on industry the TUC's policy for worker involvement in management, but to restrict legislation to requiring companies to devise their own participation machinery.

After a lengthy study, a 16-man BIM working party headed by Mr Bernard Cotton chairman of Samuel Osborn, has concluded that until relationships have improved at grass roots the chances of any real participation in structures such as two-tier boards are "very slim".

But the absence of such an atmosphere on the shop floor should not prevent management from seeking the industrial benefits of moving towards greater worker participation in decision-making, the institute adds in a 46-page report*, published yesterday.

"Participation should be developed with greater emphasis on the joint interest of employers and employees in the long-term viability of their enterprise. On this premise, there would be more scope for employers and employees to approach decisions on the basis of consent rather than conflict".

The BIM working party makes three sets of recommendations: to the Government, to managers and to the institute's council.

To the Government, the working party say most of them consider it would be inappropriate to introduce legislation into a situation where progress largely depends on the good will and good sense of the parties involved. But it was recognized that "given national and EEC pressures" some form of legislation is inevitable.

However this legislation should not go further than putting a legal obligation on employers of more than 25 workers to draw up within three years "participation agreements". These agreements ought then to be registered with an independent government agency.

Before such accords could be registered, joint agreement of management and employees would be needed. "Legislation should not define the contents of participation agreements", the BIM argues. And if employers or unions fail to agree on such machinery there would be a right of appeal

To management, the BIM working party says that in many cases an "open style of management" has proved invaluable in industrial relations, and an extension could help revitalize industry.

"We recommend that management should set up working groups at all levels of the enterprise to investigate broadening the basis of decision; taking on matters affecting work, and day-to-day arrangements for employees' ideas and opinions to be heard."

The report's section on the manager as employee says: "To many managers in middle and junior positions, joining a union is unacceptable. Senior management should recognize this fact and ensure that such employees are more involved in decision-making."

The two academics on the working party, Dr Bill McCarthy, associate Fellow of the Oxford Centre for Management Studies, and Professor R. Beresford Dew, Professor of Management Sciences at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, put their names to a minority report criticizing the BIM working party majority formula as "urealistic and undesirably vague".

Employee Participation: A Management View. Report of a BIM Working Party, Management House, Parker Street, London, WC2B 5PT, 75p.

Italian banks project to aid backward south

From John Earle
Rome, April 7

A public finance corporation, Finanziaria Meridionale, was constituted here today under the chairmanship of Signor Giorgio Ruffolo to supplement the Cassa per il Mezzogiorno by assisting small and medium firms in the development of Italy's backward south.

Of the capital of 10,000m lire (about £3.3m), 51 per cent is held by the Cassa per il Mezzogiorno, while the rest is divided equally among seven banks—Banco di Roma, Banco di Napoli, Banco di Sicilia, Banco di Sardegna, Banca Nazionale del'Lavoro, Banca Commerciale Italiana and Credito Italiano.

The corporation is authorized to increase its capital in the next five years to up to 200,000m lire.

As foreseen under a law passed in October, 1971, the *corporation may take up to* 40 per cent of the capital and provide other forms of financing for the "promotion, development, expansion and reconversion of companies, especially of medium and small dimensions, located in the south".

Signor Ruffolo, a 48-year-old Socialist, was formerly head of government planning. Joint deputy chairmen are: Signor Roberto Olivetti, head of the office equipment manufacturers, and Professor Gaetano Liccardo.

IATA talks to resolve fares dispute

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Thirty airlines with interests in services across the north Atlantic met in Geneva yesterday in an attempt to resolve differences in the latest fares structure.

Problems have been caused by the refusal by the American Civil Aeronautics Board to approve except in the short term parts of the package agreed earlier this year by International Air Transport Association members on routes to Miami, Seattle and the Iberian peninsula.

A number of airlines outside *the United States are displeased* at the action of the CAB, which was to approve the fares only until May 1. Some are considering withdrawing from the whole agreement.

If they did so it would invalidate the entire agreement under IATA's unanimity rule. As a result governments on either side of the Atlantic would have to step in and set the fares themselves.

The Geneva meeting is expected to conclude this evening.

Lye Spencer aims at 12 pc of flat steel stake

British Steel Corporation's newly-formed flat products stockholding division aims to hold no more than about 12 per cent of the total United Kingdom steel flat products stockholding market, according to Mr Clifford Keeler, director of stockholding at the British Steel Corporation.

He said at a press conference in London that current EEC monopoly policy seemed to indicate a United Kingdom market percentage penetration of about 12 per cent was about right for the new division, Lye Spencer Steel Services.

Lye Spencer, formed by a merger of Lye Steel Co and H. F. Spencer, at present hold about 11 per cent of the United Kingdom flat products stock-*holding market and expected a* turnover of about £40m in its first year, he said.

Market produce advisory scheme

By Hugh Clayton

Plans for a national advisory service about costs and margins of vegetable growers are to be examined by Mr John Methven, Director-General of Fair Trading. A spokesman for the restrictive trade practices division of his organization, said: "On the face of it, it looks like a registerable agreement."

No firm decision will be made about its status until more information is received. Agricultural Cooperation and Marketing Services and the National Farmers' Union, organizers of the scheme, see it as a test of restrictive trading laws.

Subscribers will be able to telephone a recording every week, which will give production costs and minimum acceptable margins for each crop.

Mr Graham Umpleby, a development officer with ACMS, said: "We have been talking to suppliers about what they consider the minimum acceptable margin over costs needed

20 pc wage deal for Perkins men

Pay rises averaging over £9 a week have been agreed for 6,500 production workers at the Perkins diesel engine plant in Peterborough, a member of the Massey Ferguson group.

The increase, announced yesterday, amounts to 20 per cent on basic rates and falls just inside the social contract guidelines.

Transport investment criticized

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

Britain is investing too little in transport and in the wrong things, according to the British *Road Federation in a pre-Budget* memorandum today to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The £350m a year subsidies to local buses and £1,350m a year to British Rail planned for the next three years fail to meet satisfactory cost-benefit criteria and should be phased out in line with the Government's declared policy, the BRF says. It also recommends that an urgent review of the financial position of British Rail should also be put in hand.

By contrast, many of the smaller road improvements now being squeezed out would yield high rates of return, 30 per cent being not uncommon, the BRF claims. Instead it says that within overall constraints on public expediture, transport, which currently receives only 2.7 per cent of the total, should get a higher priority.

The BRF adds that within the transport sector revenue subsidies should be phased out in accordance with government policy, and any additional available resources channelled into roads.

Aston chief opposed to latest bid by consortium

By Edward Townsend

Mr William Willson, chairman of Aston Martin Lagonda and its parent, the Solihull-based Company Developments investment concern, yesterday made clear his personal opposition to the latest £1,050,000 takeover bid for the troubled car company.

Company Developments as the debenture-holder is to make a decision on the offer this week but Mr Willson said: "I would turn it down without any hesitation."

Under the terms of the offer from the American-Canadian-British consortium of businessmen, Company Developments would get £500,000 for its £750,000 interest in Aston. Mr Willson said: "We were prepared to take this loss in the hope that the remaining £250,000 would be made available to the unsecured creditors."

The creditors, owed about £1m, would in fact be paid about 7½p in the pound, Mr Willson said. An informal committee of creditors has already accepted the offer but, said Mr Willson, "I think they need their heads examining".

Although other potential bidders are known still to be interested in Aston, there appears to be a strong likelihood that the company will be put into liquidation if the present offer fails.

Mr Wilson said: "It must be remembered that the former employees have had as fair a crack of the whip as possible. The total in redundancy payments alone is about £250,000."

A final decision from Company Developments is expected on Thursday or Friday.

Mr Peter Sprague, head of the National Semiconductor Corporation of America, and leader of the consortium, said last week that the bid, the group's third, would be its last.

Triumph small cars go up in price again

Less than a month after the last price increases, British Leyland's Triumph small cars range will cost more from today. But customers will get a little extra for their money.

The Toledo will cost £1,722—£54 more—and the 1500 TC will go up £35 to £1,969. The Dolomite is up £31 to £2,234 and the Dolomite Sprint with overdrive is up £20 to £2,796.

Renault increase: Renault announced yesterday that the retail price of its range of cars sold in the United Kingdom would be increased by an average of 7 per cent on Monday, April 14.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Building societies' fear of index-linked savings plans

From Mr R. J. Sandilands

Sir, Mr Norman Griggs (March 31) seems to deplore the prospect of the Government extending the scope of index-linked savings schemes if present inflation rates continue unabated. He fears that competition would force building societies to follow suit by making their deposits inflation-proof, with the consequence that borrowers would have to be charged over 20 per cent nominal interest at current rates of inflation.

Clearly, this would be an almost impossible burden for new borrowers; but it is equally true that present interest rates (about 8 per cent after tax) offer enormous real gains to borrowers over time when inflation is 20 per cent and money incomes are rising at a similar rate.

The borrower's only real problem is the short-run liquidity squeeze. If a way can be found to overcome this problem, there could be no justification for the continuance of the scandalous subsidies which relatively rich borrowers are getting from relatively poor savers.

Fortunately, there is a solution: simply to accompany index-linked deposits by matching, index-linked mortgages. If inflation is 20 per cent and investors are paid 20 per cent nominal interest (zero *real* interest), then 20 per cent "monetary correction" would be applied to all outstanding mortgages (there is no reason why the scheme should apply only to new mortgages). These mortgages, together with the monetary correction, would be amortized gradually over time *in the usual way, with an* interest rate of, say 3 per cent, applied to the total outstanding debt in each year.

The effect would be to reduce substantially the initial monthly payments made by new borrowers. Thereafter the monthly payments would rise gradually, in line with the cost-of-living index (and money incomes). The real cost of a mortgage would be much greater (3 per cent a year) than at present (minus 10 per cent a year approximately), but the burden would be spread far more evenly and enable a far larger proportion of the population to become owner-occupiers.

As existing owner-occupiers reap their huge subsidies year by year, so they are able to afford more expensive homes financed with bigger mortgages. Thus, even if funds continue to flow into building societies, there is at present no guarantee that a large fraction of these funds will go to new borrowers. This vicious circle will only be broken if the building societies welcome, rather than deplore, higher real interest rates brought about by indexing arrangements.

Yours faithfully,
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Glasgow, G4 0RQ.

Unfair mail costs on postcards

From Mr D. C. N. Salmon

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Henry Scrope, complains that the cost of sending an acknowledgement post card by second class mail has now risen to 5½p and suggests a special postal rate for pre-printed post cards.

Both Mr Scrope and your other readers may be interested to know that the Postcard Association, of which I am president and which represents the manufacturing side of the pictorial post card trade, has for some time been concerned that, as a result of the introduction of the two-tier postal system, post cards lost their former qualification for a lower postal rate than letter mail.

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It should be noted that there is a special post card rate, currently 75 per cent of the letter rate, for overseas surface mail. Can the Post Office really justify charging 5½p to convey a post card within the United Kingdom when it will deliver a card to the remotest corners of the world for 6p?

Representations have been made by my association about this matter, lately in the form of a detailed memorandum submitted through the Post Office Users' National Council to which, at the present time, we are awaiting a reply.

Yours faithfully,
D. C. N. SALMON, President,
The Postcard Association,
6 Wimpole Street, W1.

Threat to London's position as world forum

From Mr M. A. Bosman

Sir, A matter mentioned in your *Times Diary* (March 26) is of vital interest to all of us who live, work or do business in London and, to a lesser extent, to the tourist industry as a whole.

I refer, of course, to Mr Illtyd Harrington's enlightened efforts to enlist influential diplomatic and political support to oppose House of Representatives Bill No 1040.

If this bill becomes law in the United States then Britain in general and London in particular will be placed at a severe disadvantage in attracting business and conference visitors compared with such competitors as Mexico, the Bahamas and Bermuda; and this at a time when competition in the tourist market becomes daily more intense and our need for overseas earnings more and more dire.

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Yours faithfully,
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Bowater after the paper boom

reporting 1974 results which re ahead of most expecta-as, and an increase in the idend in excess of the statu-y limit (permitted by the easury on recovery grounds), water provided its shares h plenty of impetus yester-; and they duly rose 8p to p. The dividend yield at this el is just under 9 per cent, l attractive enough to suggest t there is quite a lot more go for. But it may be a while coming. For the short-term formance is going to be ominated by the outlook for current year, and that is, say the least, threatening.

Bowater did as well as it did year thanks entirely to an remely good performance by paper and pulp interests, ch benefited from a very h level of demand and from relaxation of United States ce controls in July. Else-ere experience was less ppy. Though the group is l vehemently deserting nours of substantial losses commodity dealing at Ralli, financial side has plunged o the red by £7m in conse-nce of huge end-year invest-nt write-downs; and that is ore the £3.1m below-the-line rge to extraordinary items, ch takes in a charge cover-full provision against the up's investment in Lewston ernational.

ow it can be argued that there is little to be hoped in the way of an upturn the international trading and nsport business this year, or eed in the building products, niture and carpets interests, least there should be no eat of the write-down on the ncial side. Meantime, how-r, the paper and packaging rests are running into de-cking problems; and even n the management's inten-n of cutting production ier than prices, and its ectation of a recovery in the ket towards the turn of the r, it is obvious that profits n this division are going to well down on last year's ord levels.

Meantime, there are anxieties ut the group's relatively h level of gearing which are likely to be alleviated be-e the accounts come out. n though the big increase long-term borrowing costs s not of itself indicate any-ng other than a shift away m overdraft finance. The idend is well covered, and en that the determination not cut prices should, if it can held, limit the downturn in er and pulp profits, there is immediate threat to the ld. And, longer-term, the up stands to benefit from improvement in demand and n the very high cost of pro-ing new plant. But none of argues for a purchase ad of the accounts.

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LC issue

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at looked like bold forays funds by the likes of Lin-n, Southend and Warwick-e can now be seen as hing more than curtain sers for the GLC's £75m ckbuster. But if the size is inting and the timing a rce of worry for some, the ue was none the less well eived in the market.

o compensate for the prob-of size the issue has been y attractively priced. GLC ies can normally be expected to offer a lower return than most other corporations, reflecting the generally larger size of issue and hence the greater marketability. Last week, for instance, the GLC's 9¼ per cent 1981 issue was yielding 40p per £100 less than Kent's identical issue.

The present issue, however, is priced to yield 12.99 per cent, a useful margin over the 12.71 per cent available on a Glasgow issue of similar date (1982) and the 12.52 per cent on Southend's partly-paid 1981 issue. The margin offered over a comparable gilt-edged stock of some 1½ points ishistorically high, moreover.

The problem, of course, lies in interest rate expectations from here. In the United States there has been no shortage of warnings about an upturn and in London yesterday there was talk of an imminent increase in American prime rate. Since falling prime rates have been largely responsible for the interest rate downturn in Britain such a move could provoke an upswing here too. With a Budget looming as well, some investors may prefer to await events before committing themselves.

Rolls-Royce Motors

Funds for expansion

Rolls-Royce Motors received none of the proceeds from the offer for sale in 1973 (which went to the liquidator) and has obviously soon found itself under-capitalized in relation to how the business has grown. The proposed addition to the capital base by way of rights is designed to enable the company to gear up further.

An additional £3m bank facility has already been arranged, though as this is medium-term money presumably a part of it will be used to fund short-term overdrafts, which are up from £4.46m to £7.88m. On top of this, however, a further £2m borrowing is in prospect, so it would be unrealistic to look for any real short-term improvement in the near 80 per cent capital gearing ratio.

Where RRM does have some scope to ease capital requirement in is in stocks, up from £19.5m to £27.6m last year, reflecting a build-up in expectation of higher activity, including the new Carmargue, as well as inflation. This is as well because a capital spending programme that was cut back to just £1.9m last year is obviously going to preempt a good deal more of total resources between now and 1977. Investors, then, must take a medium-term view of this issue though judged by the 2p fall to 46p in the share price yesterday (where the rights are worth 1.25p a share) the market might have preferred a QE 2-style raffle of a Silver Cloud to raise the funds.

Accounts: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £16.6m
Net assets £17.6m (£16.6m)
Borrowings £13.7m (£9.97m)
Pre-tax profit £4.95m (£4.3m)
Earnings per share 6.64p (5.93p)

Unicorn Industries

Increase in borrowings

A near half million leap to £857,000 in interest charges goes a long way towards explaining why Unicorn Industries' pre-tax total of £3.72m was perhaps below the best expectations. But this is the usual story of hefty financing required for working capital, which, with cash spent on acquisitions, has almost tripled borrowings over the past year to a gross figure of close on £10m.

While there is some sign that the stock position is beginning to ease, Unicorn faces the prospect either of some recourse to the market by way of a rights issue or else some sizable acquisition in the United Kingdom, this time for paper, to enlarge its financial base. Spurring these prospective measures along is the longer-term need for a greater geographical and product diversification, given that in some areas it has an uncomfortably large 60 per cent market share—especially in the D-I-Y glass papers.

In the second half, margins fell 3 points to 9.7 per cent as higher costs, particularly of electricity, began to bite, while the competitive position overseas was somewhat eroded as the last benefits of earlier sterling devaluations finally ran out. Demand began to ease with order books having dropped from around six months in some sectors to four to six weeks.

With just over half of its profits earned overseas, including exports, Unicorn should manage to perform better than its United Kingdom engineering customers. But at this stage maintained profits for the current year would seem to be an acceptable performance, although there looks to be confidence enough judging by the maximum increase in the dividend. At 60p, the shares yield 10¼ per cent and sell at 7.2 times fully diluted earnings—a hold rather than a buy.

Final: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £10.5m
Sales £35.3m (£26.7m)
Pre-tax profits £3.72m (£3.51m)
Earnings per share 8.3p (8.3p)
Dividend gross 6.2p (5.5p)

Equity & Law

Improving balance

Uncovered dividend apart, there are one or two features of the Equity & Law accounts which appeared to reassure a stock market which has been none too sanguine recently about the company as an investment. The shares rose 13p to 128p. The proportion of total assets invested in fixed interest securities has risen from 27 to 34 per cent—albeit, perhaps, by default—and the total yield has moved more into line with long-term liabilities. Thus the gross running yield on the ordinary long-term fund is 9.8 per cent against a discount rate of 9.15 per cent used in valuing long-term liabilities. Netting down the running yield would still leave it close to balance with the discount rate, given the tax situation.

The dividend is uncovered to the tune of £57,000 if one ignores the £278,000 decrease in market value of assets in 1974—always a volatile item. This is the third successive year the dividend has been uncovered and again there is a reduction in retained earnings, this time by 34 per cent to £678,000. Not an encouraging trend, but the shareholders' share of distributable surplus, like that surplus itself, is a function of the high discount rates applied in estimating reversionary bonus liabilities.

Unless interest rates react sharply to the recent weakening, the total surplus should rise this year and with it the shareholders' share. E & L might then feel justified in raising the dividend by rather more than the 5½ per cent rise last year, which gives a yield of 5.9 per cent.

Collapse of the boom sends American property investment trusts tottering

American real estate investment trusts (Reits) are in the midst of a crisis, alarming investors and throwing a dark shadow over the earnings prospects of some of the world's largest banks.

The situation was highlighted a few days ago with the unprecedented request by the Securities and Exchange Commission to the Chemical Bank of New York for more details about its Reit loans, which forced the Chemical Bank to postpone indefinitely its almost completed $100m (about £41.5m) bond offering.

To boost housing investment Congress passed legislation in 1960 which enabled property trust companies to enjoy substantial tax advantages if they distributed at least 90 per cent of their profits to shareholders.

This legislation gave birth to the Reits of today, which expanded at a rapid pace in the 1960s and early 1970s on the back of a wild real estate boom and a stock market that gave every encouragement to adventurous new companies.

The Reit concept was simplicity itself: Reits were sponsored by major banks and insurance companies, they issued shares and borrowed against this capital at close to prime rate, then lent to property developers at prime rate plus 5 or 6 per cent. Such lending generated high profits, boosting share values, enabling the Reits time and again to issue new debt; borrow ever-greater amounts from the banks against this capital, and lend more and more.

It was inevitable that the bubble would one day burst, that Reits might find many of their loans turning sour and that they may find themselves with massive volumes of unwanted properties on their hands and no sources of income to pay the interest on loans. But in the heyday of the property boom the Reit managers did not for a moment think about the rainy day that could lie ahead and they received every encouragement from the banks they borrowed from.

According to a confidential memorandum of the Reit National Association the total volume of Reit assets in February was $21,693.2m; total volume of Reit bank credit was $10,957m; and total volume of shareholders' equity and other debts was roughly $8,800m.

New York bankers and independent real estate experts believe, however, that the volume of assets stated by the national association is substantially inflated and the volume of stated bank credit is at least $1,000m less than the present real figure. In addition, the Reits are now said to be unable to pay about 40 per cent of the interest due on their bank loans and this level is widely expected to rise to 60 per cent within a couple of months.

Because of poor management and the widespread lack of controls on loans, many of the Reits today are sitting upon a growing volume of either incomplete buildings or properties no one wants to buy. The general economic recession prompted the crisis and the Reits in many cases got into deeper troubles by renewing loans to property developers and builders who themselves were on the verge of bankruptcy and needed more cash to complete developments.

The crisis is particularly alarming because at least 50 per cent of the huge loans to Reits have been made by a few of the largest banks in New York and Chicago. The First National City Bank has some $70m of outstanding Reit loans, for example, and Chase Manhattan Bank has an even larger volume.

For some months now the banks have been under pressure from the Federal Reserve Board not to allow the Reits to collapse and this is adding to the difficulties. In fact, in today's situation, the banks have a simple choice: either they let the Reits go down and take over their assets, lending more cash to enable projects to be completed and covering the maintenance costs of empty buildings, plus taking income losses from the loans they made, or the banks strive to save them by increasing the loan volume to the Reits and taking possibly bigger income losses.

Costs to the banks of taking either path will be immense. This is evident from analysing the sort of assets the Reits have. To start with the developers and builders willing to borrow at the high rates offered by the Reits were only those with somewhat marginal schemes, because those planning prime property developments could borrow directly from the banks at cheaper levels.

Some $3,5nnm of Reit assets represent land and development loans. A high proportion of these are in luxury holiday resorts, plus winter holiday apartments and top class second home housing. The maintenance cost of some of these projects are high and the rental or sales prospects bleak in today's recession.

About $8,000m of Reit assets represent construction loans. Part of this figure can hardly be seen as an asset because it represents overhead construction costs. A good proportion of the total represents either incomplete ventures or low cost housing, some property experts suggest may take years to sell.

A further $1,400m of the assets are second mortgages, with an additional $500m tied up in rather ingenious, but now questionable, land lease-back agreements. This category of assets is again of questionable value in today's economic climate.

The Reits also own properties outright worth some $3,500m, but the major owners are the Reit "equity trusts", which have specialized in direct ownership and these are the minority who have escaped deep trouble, while the vast majority are the now crisis-ridden construction and development Reits.

A couple of Reits have already filed for bankruptcy and a good number of others may well follow. Some of the largest Reits are so closely identified with well known banks that the banks will not permit their collapse. They will gradually become ever more prudent property developing companies, rather than companies that just lend to developers, or be transformed over a time into equity trusts. A small number of Reits, which managed to take more care than the rest, will survive.

Because of their marginal schemes the Reits were the first property companies to be in trouble when the recession started some 18 months ago. The crisis has now come really to the boil only because the banks have been forced into increasing their loan loss reserves and scaling down their earnings forecasts as the Reits increasingly fail to pay interest on loans.

Many investors have been badly burned and may never return to the real estate investment game. The banks have suffered greatly and maintain they will be much more prudent in the future. Time and again these banks have landed in trouble in this area in past decades and in other countries (many of the biggest Reit lenders also lost money in the collapse of recent foreign property booms). They probably will make the same old mistakes next time a property boom takes place, bringing forward new organizations like the Reits, and just giving them a different name.

Frank Vogl

Drawing up a contract workers will honour

"Let the message go out to the nation that we are responding to a Labour Government," Lawrence Daly, general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, urged at last September's Trade Union Congress.

He was the mover, on behalf of his union, of a composite motion which gave full support to the social contract, including the TUC guidance to negotiators, and which was carried by a big majority. But union members have not responded.

The General Council recommended that the negotiating objective should be to maintain real incomes. But in the 12 months after Labour took office, prices went up by just under 20 per cent and wages by not far short of 30 per cent.

There were some special reasons causing inflationary increases last year and there was a hope that the pace might slacken. That hope pretty well disappeared when the miners, though themselves the movers of the congress resolution, forced through a settlement which ignored the guidelines, and were then followed by the electricity supply workers.

If one union breaks faith, it seems to be held, other unions are also entitled to break faith.

The trade union movement has no more responded to the Labour Government in its use of the strike weapon than in its wage demands. The TUC guidelines suggested that full use should be made of the independent conciliation and arbitration service to help a quick solution of disputes. Much use has been made of the service, but the number of strikes in the first year of the new Labour Government was 2,973, whereas in the corresponding 12 months under the Tories it was 2,641.

Days lost through disputes last year, excluding the coal strike, were two million more than the previous year.

The tendency for large sections of the workers to disregard compacts made on their behalf by the TUC is, of course, nothing new. In June, 1969, it will be remembered, the TUC General Council, by unanimous decision, gave a "solemn and binding" undertaking to the then Labour Government about the steps they would take to deal with unconstitutional stoppages.

Vic Feather, the TUC general secretary at the time, worked indefatigably, but the number of strikes from July, 1969, to June, 1970, was 3,982, compared with 2,733 in the previous 12 months. The number of working days lost through strikes rose in the same period from 4,248,000 to 9,880,000.

Yet few if any unions seem to have taken disciplinary action against members or shop stewards who broke agreements.

In 1964 the TUC signed a Declaration of Intent on prices and incomes, but while voluntary arrangements continued many unions negotiated increases far above the norm of 3 to 3½ per cent, and unofficial strikes continued.

It is clear that a large section of the trade union movement feels no more moral obligation to observe an agreement made by its chosen leaders on its behalf if it is called a social contract than if it has any other name.

The TUC tries, but although it can organize efficiently a campaign against a government proposal, as it did on *In Place of Strife* and the Industrial Relations Act, it seems unable to organize support for the agreements to which it puts its hands.

This trade union attitude towards agreements has not always been so common. During the major conflicts before the First World War each side of industry accused the other of breaking certain agreements. An Industrial Council, consisting of leading employers and union leaders, under the chairmanship of the government's Chief Industrial Commissioner, conducted an inquiry into the best method of securing the fulfilment of industrial agreements.

It reported in 1913 that where agreements were the outcome of properly organized machinery for dealing with disputes, they were with very few exceptions loyally observed by both sides.

No one would say that there are very few exceptions today. It seems probable that the present attitude developed during the period of compulsory arbitration which began during the Second World War and continued until 1951.



NUM's Lawrence Daly: the "message to the nation", concerning acceptance of the social contract, for which he appealed to the unions has not been given substance.

It was during this period that the number of unofficial strikes rose to well over a thousand a year.

Local revolts against the pressures and changes during the mobilization and demobilization periods were understandable enough, but they encouraged the attitude that there was no obligation to keep an agreement if short-term advantage could be gained by breaking it. And once this has become a part of worker morality, it is applied no less to a social contract than to an industry-wide agreement or a plant bargain.

Yet most people probably would still say that agreements should be kept—that it is immoral to break them because, unless those who make agreements can be assured that the other parties will do their best to keep them, the structure of society is destroyed. Probably most trade unionists would say that, if they were asked.

It is true, as the Industrial Council pointed out, that "industrial agreements cannot fairly be compared with the ordinary commercial contracts between individuals or corporate bodies, where the terms of the contracts were decided upon by the principals directly concerned".

What cannot be justified for the actual parties to an agreement is to break it simply for sectional or personal gain, as the miners and electricity supply workers have done.

Statutory incomes policies have failed, except in the short term, and the social contract seems to be failing, but restraint of inflationary wage movements remains essential. Perhaps another attempt might be made to strengthen the voluntary system.

Somehow the force of public opinion, inside and outside the trade union movement, needs to be focused on it more strongly.

If the TUC's guidelines were made not detailed, but less ambiguous, it would be possible to make public an independent view on whether any particular settlement was breaking the social contract. Perhaps the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service could do this for settlements or proposed settlements referred to it.

Something like Lord George-Brown's early warning system would make it possible to get an independent view before the parties had committed themselves. This might make it a bit less easy to defy public opinion.

Eric Wigham

Business Diary: Barings' middleman • Eastern question

y has Baring Brothers, one the oldest and most British merchant banks, invited on its board Wilbur J. Smith, Morgan Guaranty Trust, a nk with which Barings has notably close links?

The connexion lies, in fact, s between the two banks an between Smith and the iddle East. Barings has ently been stepping up its esence there, having been pointed an investment viser to the powerful Saudi abian Monetary Authority d having duly seconded to it other of its managing direc-s, Leonard Ingrams.

Smith, who is 45, attended e American University in irut after Princeton, and he s since been closely involved the area on Morgan's half. In 1964 he opened an fice for Morgan in Beirut. or four years until 1971, he is a director of the Bank of rth Africa in Tripoli.

Smith has since been back to w York as a vice-president the Morgan Guaranty cor-rate banking division, but is happy to move to London d to Barings after an intro-ction to the bank through a utual friend in New York.

Fresh merger?

he great stockbroking merg-boom has ended—or has it? ast month the latest round ought on by hard times and igh overheads seemed to have me to a stop with the get-gether of Fenn & Crosthi-aite and George Henderson.

As Stock Exchange business ushroomed, the reports were ther about the trouble new olleagues had in mucking in a time when they were hort of clerical staff.

However, at least one combination could still come about, between Far Eastern specialists Lewis Altman and Sandelson. The guiding light of Sandelson, a public company used to be art collector Victor Sandelson, who virtually retired last year after entertaining us with strong views about how the Stock Exchange and the City should be run.

He gave way to associate Alan Knapp in a reorganization that led to the departure of some Sandelson men.

Sandelon, under Knapp, has developed Hongkong connexions. Lewis Altman is possibly the most experienced man in rubber on the Stock Exchange. The market graffiti are that the two have chatted informally about getting together.

Asked about this Lewis Altman would only chuckle: "You have put me on the spot. It is true that we are both big in the Far East." Alan Knapp is abroad, but Sandelson director Francis Whigham said: "I am surprised and shocked. Idle stock market gossip can be so dangerous."

Some international computer language from a Nixdorf brochure in German: Das Hardware-System . . . Das Software-System . . . Das Know-how der Nixdorf-Teams . . . Floppy-Disk . . .

ICI line-up

The fuss over ICI's smoking beagles has grated with Rowland Wright, who in these uneasy times—even for ICI—had hoped to take over from Sir Jack Callard as chairman as smoothly as possible.



ICI's Rowland Wright: is he at bay?

Wright, who signed up at "Millstone House", ICI's Millbank headquarters, in 1937, only two years after Sir Jack, can be just as ebullient as his predecessor but in an uncertain market had no wish to add any razzamatazz of his own.

Sir Jack, as they say in show business, is a hard act to follow: he headed for the wings having delivered record last year profits and in the midst of a distinguished record of public service, ranging from the Civic Trust to the CBI.

Wright, on the other hand, has to contend with a situation in which 1975 profits—according to Sir Jack—are unlikely to match those of 1974, the ICI unions are forming a world body, and the group now has Spike Milligan, the anti-smoking and the pro-pooch lobbies all lined up against it.

The new man, an ICI vice-chairman for four years, with special responsibilities for American and senior staff recruitment policy, backed up Sir Jack last week with some ritual broadsides at the Government's "cock-eyed" thinking on disclosure. Nevertheless, Wright has eschewed any limelight-seeking "plans" for dramatic investment to coincide with his assumption of the purple.

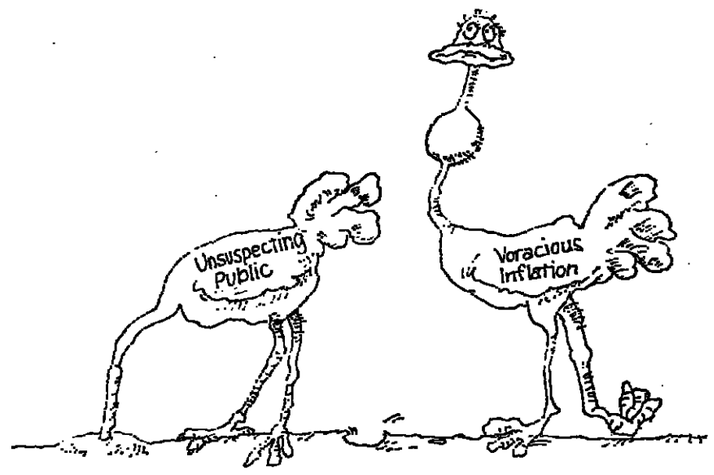
Sir Jack is a director of Midland Bank, and Wright of Royal Insurance. Although a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a member of the Royal Institution, Wright has stayed pretty much within the chemicals and personnel management world.

Cuba visit

Yorkshire miners' leader Arthur Scargill is to visit Cuba as a guest of the island's "TUC" in time for the May Day celebrations, together with Mick McGahey, vice-president of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Scargill believes he will be criticized for going, but says that during the three years he has been in office he has been on a foreign trip only once—to Russia. He should have gone to North and South Vietnam last year, but his innoculations went the wrong way and he ended up ill in bed instead of in Vietnam.

Nest-eggs: why the poaching had to stop.



On May 21, to mark the opening of the annual conference of the National Association of Pension Funds, The Times is planning to publish a Special Report on Pensions and Retirement.

The Report will assess the Government's plans for proofing pensions against inflation; the pros and cons of contracting out of the forthcoming state scheme: pensions for the self-employed: and the whole business of management funds.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Pretax slides to £1.6m at Storey Bros in year of mishap

By Peter Wainwright

Storey Brothers ended last year with a 24 per cent rise in sales to £24.5m, but a fall in pre-tax profits of 28 per cent to £1.62m. A year ago the chairman was looking for bigger profits, but at half time when pre-tax profits slipped a bit, no forecast was made.

It was a year of misfortune. It started with power curbs, a scarcity of raw materials and a swift increase in their price. Price controls continued. The new factory for making Decorene, a vinyl wall paper, came on stream later than expected, and too late to benefit from the wall paper selling season. High hopes were pinned on the new factory which was aimed at the do-it-yourself market.

In October, the board was caught unawares by a sudden worldwide destocking by customers on most sides of the business. This caused profits in the second half year to fall far below the directors' hopes.

A hump in capital spending and the pressure of inflation on working capital sent interest charges soaring from £227,000 to £564,000, while depreciation rose from £386,000 to around £460,000. The result was the sharp fall in pre-tax profits.

The group has done much to start off 1975 on a stronger footing. Towards the close of last year it took steps to curb borrowings though this had the short run effect of dislocating production and causing some white collar redundancies. At the year end borrowings amounted to £6m, but at the beginning of last month they were more than £500,000 lower.

The directors are confident that some of last year's problems will not recur. The new plant will be on stream and costs have been cut sharply. Meanwhile the dividend goes up from 3.86p a share gross to 4.32p from earnings of 5.97p against 8.40p.

Dowding reject bid by General Electric US

After market hours yesterday, General Electric of the United States, said that it planned to bid £5.1m for the Dowding & Mills group of electrical and mechanical engineers. The offer, which Dowding rejects as "totally inadequate" is pitched at 37p cash a share, and represents an increase of 54 per cent over the market level on Friday. After the news the shares went up to 34p.

Accepting shareholders would be entitled to retain their 0.72p gross interim already declared. Conditions of the bid include there being no reference to the Monopolies Commission and to clearance by the exchange control authorities.

General Electric, advised by Schroder Wagg, claims that there would be important advantages to both sides including an immediate increase in turnover for Dowding if it were to repair General Electric equipment. In general terms, GE wants to retain Dowding's separate identity, and no redundancies are envisaged. GE's backing would put Dowding in a strong position to benefit from expansion opportunities that may arise through the heavy use of GE's and others' electrical equipment in the development of North Sea oil and gas.

Last month, Dowding & Mills reported that its interim pretax profits rose 31.2 per cent to £592,000 on sales of £3.4m, against £2.3m. Shareholders of the Birmingham-based group were to receive an interim dividend of 0.72p gross, against 0.66p. Over the previous full year, profits were a record £1.01m, and shareholders collected a 1.52p payout.

Stock markets

Strong push ahead by equities

The Budget Day account made a good start yesterday, with share prices rising steadily on the reappearance in the equity market of some institutional buyers. Turnover was on no great scale. The day's recorded bargains, at 8,280, remained fairly modest by comparison with the best days in February. Dealers generally agreed that a shortage of sellers provided most of the push behind gains in major stocks.

The *FT* index cleared the 300 mark once again, to close a net 10 points up at 305.7. Particularly encouraging was the market's ready acceptance of further cash raising news. Rolls-Royce Motor Holdings closed 2p off at 46p after announcing the rights issue foreshadowed here on Saturday. Pahang Consolidated, also with a rights issue now in hand, slipped 3p to 50p.

Rises in house building shares were spurred by the welcome news of a 10 per cent increase in "new starts" at the end of February. Taylor Woodrow—results today—strengthened to 210p and London Brick gained 2p to 48p.

Among the leading industrials, ICI (230p), Glaxo Holdings (418p), Dunlop Holdings (47p), Bats (306p) and Beecham (225p) closed at or near the best levels of the day. Reed International climbed 7p to 205p behind good results from Bowater Corporation.

Prospects for this week's batch of results spurred engineering shares ahead. Metal Box at 227p responded strongly to press reports of good trading. BLMC held unchanged at 7½p.

Speculators were out in force on the shipping pitch once again. Furness Withy (183p) looked for a bid shortly, and there was renewed demand for shares in Lyle Shipping and in Reardon Smith.

Thomson Organisation gained 15p to 170p.

Gains of up to 10p brought Barclays Bank to 242p and Lloyds Bank to 195p. Sun Alliance stood out on the insurance pitch with a gain of 20p to 380p.

Oil shares opened well but turned down later on reports that United States army chiefs were discussing the Vietnam situation.

Fresh selling of gold shares, this time from London, lowered the major stocks. A rally was attempted later leaving falls in F S Geduld (£26¾), Pres Brand (£22¼), and Pres Steyn (£17¼) at around £1.50.

On the results front Bowater (118p) took pride of place with profits of £59.5m well above market expectations. The shares closed 8p firmer. Similarly, Laird Group (55p) pleased with its results and gained 4½p. Another firm spot was GKN, due to report today, up 7p at 225p. Babcock & Wilcox and Sun Alliance, expected tomorrow, and Marks & Spencer, on Thursday, all registered gains.

The financial success of the QE2's world cruise firmed Trafalgar House 6½p to 86½p.

Equity turnover on April 4 was £87.4m (31,219). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, ICI, Glaxo, Beechams, Courtaulds, Lonrho, Marks & Spencer, GEC, Midland Bk, Slater Walker and Barclays Bk.

Buying of the shortest short-dated Government stocks yesterday and selling of longer "shorts" sent prices of these two groups of stocks moving in opposite directions yesterday. Superimposed on to this general trend was a marked volume of switching out of the longer "shorts" into the more near-date maturities.

Dunbee-Combex-Marx, whose shares have risen from 38p to 80p this year, is one of the toy groups looking at the Merthyr Tydfil factory of Triang Pedigree, which is seeking £1m in Government aid.

The result was a ⅛ to ¼ point rise amongst latter stocks, while those issues showing a diminishing appeal closed with net losses of 1-16 to ¼ point, having at one stage been even ⅛ to 3-16 point lower still.

Dealers reported sizable trading and suggested that the trend to shorter maturities was largely defensive in the face of new uncertainties. Turnover at the long-end of the market was rather quieter, with prices generally showing ¼ point falls.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Bowater (£1) Fin	6.87	6.26	2/7	10.6	9.27
Catalin (25p) Fin	2.66	2.37	—	3.4	3.05
Intereuropean (10p) S Int	1.5	—	—	3	4*
Ldn & Provincial (50p) Fin	7.81	6.97	20/5	11.81	10.47
North Atlantic (25p) Int	1.05	1.04	16/5	—	2.68
Storey Bros (25p) Fin	2.47	2.20	17/5	4.32	3.87
Unicorn Inds (25p)	3.79	3.37	27/5	6.17	5.49
Wombwell Found (10p) Int	0.43	Nil	30/5	—	1.1

* For 16 months.

Norvic must start again on takeover ambitions

More cheerful news in one respect comes from Mr C. L. Metcalfe, as chairman and chief executive of Norvic Securities.

He writes in the report that the only trading subsidiary, Norvic Shoe, has had to face the general recession in the shoe manufacturing industry, but that the balance-sheet is still sound, and there are signs that the worst of the slump is over.

But the upsetting of the group's aim to take over W. Canning has meant "a serious setback" to planned expansion by acquisitions. Mr Metcalfe explains that the board did not proceed with its offer because of the proposed reference to the Monopolies Commission and concomitant delays, besides the need now to make a higher bid.

American Trust builds up Esco

The board of American Trust see more attractive prospects in the Scottish economy than in the United Kingdom and decided during the last year to expand its wholly-owned subsidiary Edinburgh Securities (Esco) by subscribing for an additional £1.2m of equity capital. Esco has already built up a portfolio consisting predominantly of companies likely to benefit from the development of North Sea oil and gas and the board, in due course, intend giving AT members an opportunity to invest in Esco.

Meanwhile they believe there is more scope for capital appreciation from the present level in equities than in fixed interest stocks and that their policy of committing a substantial part of the portfolio overseas should be maintained.

Lean year in prospect for Ratcliffs

Mr F. R. Ratcliff, chairman of Ratcliffs (Great Bridge), makers of brass and copper-rolled strip which last year turned in lower profits, reports that both United Kingdom and Canadian plants are in a severe recession caused largely by car industry problems and customer destocking after the collapse in copper prices.

While the board are hopeful of improvements in the second half, all indications point to a lean year. To conserve resources authorizations for 1975 spending have been slashed.

Blackman & Conrad

Having pushed up profits to a record £765,000 pre-tax, ladies' dress group Blackman & Conrad reports that a healthy order position gives grounds for confidence in the present term. Bankers have made available a medium-term loan for £500,000.

SIDNEY C. BANKS

Pre-tax profit for half-year to November 30 of £286,000 (£199,000) on turnover of £10.24m (£7.36m). Earnings per share 4.72p (3.28p).

OTTOMAN BANK

Profit for 1974 of £873,500 (£830,000) after tax.

ASSOCIATE DEAL

Rowe Rudd have purchased on behalf of an associate of Bryanston 58,500 Bryanston ordinary shares at 7p.

Wombwell on way to fresh peak

Following a jump in interim pre-tax profits from £81,000 to £139,000, the board of Wombwell Foundry & Engineering is looking for substantially better results for the full year than the £174,000 record achieved in 1974.

Meanwhile, interim sales are ahead from £680,000 to £1.01m, while on net profit up from £46,000 to £75,000 the board proposes a return to interim payments with a dividend of 0.43p—against a single payment last term of 1.1p. Net profits include a surplus of £17,500 on the sale of properties.

Rising costs again check London & Prov Poster

By David Mott

As feared at half way, increasing costs have continued to erode the margins of London and Provincial Poster with the result that profits fell by more than 10 per cent over the second half of calendar 1974. This compares with an interim leap of 22 per cent and leaves the overall pretax a mere 2 per cent better at £1.28m, out of turnover improved from £6.78m to £8.35m.

Shareholders are getting a total dividend raised from 10.47p to 11.76p, the maximum permitted, while on the market the shares were a shade off at 87p on the result. Earnings stood at 16.68p against 18.14p a share.

Although growth last year was only marginal, the return is still the best since the company was made public nine years ago. With the exception of 1967 profits have grown steadily ever since and tops the £1m mark for the first time in 1973. Apart from Reed International, which has over 46 per cent of the equity, the directors' interests total around 4.5 per cent.

Premier buys from Eldridge

Through a purchase by private treaty Premier Consolidated Oilfields has bought £300,000 of its own 3¾ per cent convertible unsecured loan stock, 1978, from the receiver and manager of Eldridge Stableford, the troubled banking group, for a consideration of £150,187. The stock, which was privately placed, was issued two years ago in respect of an acquisition of a 4.76 per cent interest in Oil Exploration (Holdings). The total stock outstanding is £550,000 and following the purchase this will be reduced to £250,000.

Jenkin & Purser fighting threat of liquidation

Announcing a loss for 1974 of some £45,000 before tax and extraordinary items against a loss of £142,000 for the preceding 15 months, Jenkin & Purser (Holdings) gives the news that it is making "energetic and determined" efforts to save the group from liquidation. The company is still involved in substantial litigation matters which are proving costly and continue to absorb a "tremendous" amount of executive attention.

The loss, after tax, exceptional and extraordinary items climbs to £167,000, against a loss of £364,000. There is again no dividend.

Artagen Props' valuation set for end-1975

With relaxation of the rent freeze and the prospect of rental growth, directors of Artagen Properties, commercial and industrial developers, expect to be able to produce a meaningful valuation at December 31 next. In the absence of an active property market at the year-end, it was not considered possible to achieve a reliable open market valuation.

The auditors' report is qualified on the value of the properties and the amount of tax payable in the event of future sales of properties at amounts at which they are stated in the accounts.

Catalin jump to record profits

Catalin, the Essex-based makers of industrial resins and resin treated papers, have produced record profits and turnover in 1974. Taxable profits show a rise from £253,000 to £372,000—the second half helped with a 77 per cent jump from £136,000 to £243,000.

Turnover was £4m (£2.8m). Earnings per share moved up from 7p to 9.8p, and the total dividend is being raised from 3.05p to 3.4p with a final payment of 2.66p.

Good prospects for Malayan Tin

From the continuing high price of tin, prospects of Malayan Tin Dredging for the full year to June 30 appear excellent. In the half year to December 31 output and sales totalled 1,649 tonnes of tin concentrates and the average price per tonne was £3,300 against £2,137 realized a year ago. Estimated mining profits expanded from £1.5m to £1.87m and pretax profits from £1.82m to £2.5m. The profit after tax rose from £867,000 to £1.18m but as the board point out the figures are subject to provision for river deviation.

Mitsubishi exceeds hopes in jump to £47m

Tokyo, April 7.—Japan's biggest trading company Mitsubishi Corporation reports net profit for the year to September 30 up from 24,490m yen to 33,000m yen (about £47.14m). This was equal to 1,936 yen for every 40 shares (the number represented by depositary receipts abroad) on a full dilution basis, against 1,511 yen.

Export and import transactions in the year were more favourable than expected. Mr Buninbiro Tanabe, president, said the company found it possible to offset high interest payments and soaring expenses through increases in gross trading profit.

The largest gain in transaction value came from imports, which totalled 2,430m yen, some 26.2 per cent of total turnover, up from 1,240m yen (19.5 per cent of turnover).—AP-Dow Jones.

Overseas

Roussel steady

Paris, April 7.—Roussel UCLAF, French manufacturers of pharmaceutical and biological products, expects to maintain group net profits at around the 1974 level of 114.6m francs (£11.23m) in spite of exchange rate uncertainty and the possibility of a ceiling being reached on the sales prices of certain products.

The company said much of the group's industrial capacity is now fully used and further growth requires investment of 200m francs. Measures have been taken to raise this sum.—Reuter.

Citicorp's $8m loss provision

Because of a loss in 1974 for Grindlays Bank, 40 per cent-owned affiliate of Citicorp, resulting from charges against earnings to reflect the establishment of reserves for losses on loans to property companies by its wholly-owned Brandts subsidiary, Citicorp has provided a reserve of some $8m after tax in its own first quarter results.

Reporting a net profit of $88.59m against $73.28m, earnings per share after securities transactions rose from 60 to 72c. Earnings include a charge of $72.2m against $23.5m to provide for possible loan losses.

The valuation portion of reserves for possible loan losses rose from $262m to $290m. Further details will be made available later this month.—AP-Dow Jones Reuter.

Swire Pacific

A higher payout and profit is announced by Swire Pacific (a Hongkong company, 45 per cent of which is held by John Swire & Sons, the private United Kingdom shipowners). Net profits for 1974 have expanded from $HK37.9m to $HK59.7m (£5.4m), including a non-recurring profit of $8.6m. A provision of $6.5m for property tax will be written back as it is no longer required. The dividend is raised from 21½c to 22½c on "A" shares.

Goodyear sales up

Although Goodyear Tire & Rubber expects to report record first quarter sales, warning is given of lower earnings due to a stock reduction programme that will result in heavy charges for idle plant and lay-offs. However, Mr C. J. Pilliod, Jr, chairman, predicts a "respectable" showing in sales and earnings for 1975.

Wall Street

New York, April 7.—The stock market closed lower today after quiet trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 4.38 points to 742.88. The index fell from the beginning and remained lower the entire session. Declining issues outnumbered advances by about 1,015 to 380.

Volume totalled 13,860,000 shares, compared with 14,170,000 shares traded on Friday.

NY silver up 4.0c

New York, April 7.—Comex SILVER futures closed steady, up 4.0 to 5.8 cents. Volume reached 6,559 lots with switching moderate. Traders said that trade buying, Commission House bargain hunting and short covering rallied prices in the afternoon, after selling dried up at the day's lows. April, 410.90c; May, 412.00c; June, 414.80c; July, 417.60c; Sept, 425.20c; Dec, 434.70c; Jan, 434.50c; March, 443.10c; May, 445.60c; July, 451.10c. Handy and Harman 405.00c (previous 400.00c). Handy and Harman of Canada $Can4.078 (previous $Can4.115). GOLD futures closed slightly firmer in quiet trading. The New York Comex ended 30 cents higher across the board, while the Chicago IMM was unchanged to $1.20 higher. Comex volume dropped to 712 contracts from 1,920 on Friday, while IMM volume was estimated at 1,052 contracts. NY COMEX.—April, $172.10; May, $173.10; June, $174.10; Aug, $176.10; Oct, $178.60; Dec, $180.90; Feb, $183.20; April, $185.50; June, $188.00; Aug, $190.40. CHICAGO IMM.—April, $172.00 nominal; June, $174.00; Sept, $176.90-177.00; Dec, $181.20 bid; March, $184.50 bid; June, $188.50; Sept, $192.00 nominal. COPPER was steady. Sales totalled 1,785. April, 59.40c; May, 59.80c; June, 60.50c; July, 60.90c; Sept, 62.00c; Dec, 63.60c; Jan, 64.10c; March, 65.10c; May, 66.10c. WOOL futures were little changed at the close in dull dealings while CROSSBRED futures were tradeless. GREASE WOOL. Spot, 106.0c nominal; May, 113.0-115.0c; July, 119.0-120.0c; Oct, 120.0-124.0c; Dec, 125.0-128.0c; March, 126.0-130.5c; May, 127.0-135.0c; July, 128.0c bid. CROSSBRED.—Spot, 64.0c nominal; May, 70.0-71.0c; July, 73.0-74.0c; Oct, 72.0-76.0c; Dec, 73.0-82.0c; March, 74.0c bid; May 74.0c bid; July, 74.0c bid. CHICAGO GRAINS. WHEAT closed easier 3½ to six lower. May, 372-373c; July, 361-362c; Sept, 363c; Dec, 376-374c; March, 381½. MAIZE closed easier ½ to 2¼ lower. May, 296½-296c; July 293-292½c; Sept, 284; Dec, 269-269½c; March, 274-274½c; May, 278c nominal. OATS closed easier ¾ higher to 1¼ lower. May, 151¾c; July 149½c; Sept 151½c; Dec 154½. CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—May, 573½c; July 573-572c; Aug, 572c; Sept, 566c; Nov, 560-561½c; Jan, 571c; March, 577c. SOYABEAN OIL.—May, 27.35c asked; July, 26.55c; Aug, 25.60-70c; Sept, 24.80-25.00c; Oct, 24.15c; Dec, 23.10-20c; Jan, 22.70c bid; March, 22.70-50c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—May, $125.50-125.00; July, $130.50-131.00; Aug, $131.50 bid; Sept, $135.00 bid; Oct, $137.00-.50; Dec, $141.50 bid; Jan, $143.50 bid; March, $148.00. COFFEE futures drifted back on long profit-taking after registering gains ranging to almost one cent during the morning. Closing prices were 0.13 to 0.90 cent up with volume small at 132 contracts. May, 50.15c; July, 50.75-51.00c; Sept, 51.10-15c; Nov, 51.70c bid; Dec, 52.20c; March, 52.60c bid. World SUGAR futures closed 0.75 to 0.10 cents a pound, modestly below opening levels. Prices continued under liquidating pressure influenced by lower London values and lack of demand by distributors. Traders said that short covering helped limit losses. Volume was 2,518 lots. The world sugar spot price was unchanged.—Spot, 21.00c; May, 21.05-10c; July 21.50-20c; Sept, 20.55-70c; March, 18.10c; May 17.60c; June 17.00c nominal. COCOA futures closed barely steady near the lows of the day on nervous selling by Commission Houses ahead of the release tomorrow morning of United States first quarter 1975 cocoa bean grindings. Final prices stood 0.40 to 0.10 cents higher on 1,049 sales, including 319 switches. May 62.85c; July, 59.75c; Sept, 58.35c; Dec, 57.15c; March 56.20c. Spots: Ghana 81½; Bahia 70⅛.

COTTON futures closed about 0.30 to 0.05 cent lower on Commission House selling prompted by speculation that President Ford would veto an increase in target and loan prices for cotton this year. May 42.75-77c; July, 43.65c; Oct, 45.17-20c; March, 46.60c bid.

	April 7	April 4
Allied Chem.	34¼	35½
Allied Stores	27½	28¼
Allied Supermkt.	3⅛	3¼
Allis Chalmers	8⅝	8⅝
Alcoa	35⅞	36
Amax Inc	40	40⅝
Amerada Hess	16⅛	16⅜
Am. Airlines	8⅜	8⅜
Am. Brands	38⅞	39
Am. Broadcast	18	18⅛
Am. Can.	31⅛	32¼
Am. Cyan.	26⅝	26
Am. El. Power	16⅞	16⅞
Am. Home	36⅛	36
Am. Motors	5⅝	5⅞
Am. Nat. Gas	34⅞	35
Am. Smelt.	16⅛	16⅛
Am. Standard	12	12⅛
Am. Tel.	48⅝	48⅝
Amf. Inc.	15	15⅛
Anaconda	16⅛	16⅝
Armco Steel	29⅛	29½
Ashland Oil	18⅞	18⅞
Atl. Richfield	81½	81½
Avco	4⅜	4⅜
Avon Prod	35⅞	33⅞
Babcock & Wcox	15⅞	16
Bankers Tst NY	34½	33¾
Bank of Am	36⅛	36⅛h
Bank of N.Y.	29⅞	30⅛
Beat Fds	19⅛	19⅝
Bect. Dick	33⅞	33⅞
Bell & Howell	13	14⅛
Bendix	29⅛	29½
Beth Steel	33⅛	33⅞
Boeing	20⅞	21⅛
Boise Cascade	17⅛	17
Borden	22⅛	22⅛
Borg Warner	16⅛	16½
Bristol Myers	56⅞	57⅞
BP	9⅛	9⅛
Budd	9½	9⅛
Burl. Ind	22⅞	22⅞
Burlington Nthn	34	34⅛
Burroughs	88⅛	87⅞
Campbell Soup	30	29½
Canadian Pac.	13	13⅛
Caterpillar	62⅛	62⅛
Celanese	29	29⅛
Central Soya	11⅞	11⅞
Charter N.Y.	22⅞	22⅞
Chase Manhat	30½	31
Chem Bk N.Y.	34⅞	34½
Chesapeake Ohio	32	32
Chrysler	10⅝	10⅛
Citicorp	32½	32⅛
Cities Serv.	37⅛	37½
Clark Equip	27⅛	27⅛
Coca Cola	73½	74⅛
Colgate	27⅛	28⅛
CBS	41⅛	41½
Columbia Gas	25⅞	25½
Comb Eng	38⅛	38½
Comw. Edison	23½	23⅛
Con Edison	11⅛	11
Cons Foods	13⅞	13½
Cons Power	13⅞	13⅞
Cont. Can	25	25½
Cont. Oil	44	44⅛
Control Data	17	17
Corning Glass	43⅞	43⅛
CPC Intnl.	39⅞	39⅞
Crane	10⅛	10⅛
Crocker Int	25⅛	25⅞
Crown Zeller	32	32
Dart Ind.	33⅞	33⅞e
Deere	37½	38½
Del Monte	23⅞	23
Delta Air	36½	36
Detroit Edison	10⅞	10½
Disney	30⅞	30½
Dow Chem.	73⅛	73⅞
Dresser Ind.	44⅛	45⅞
Duke Power	17⅞	17½
Du Pont	101	101
Eastern Air	5⅛	5⅛
East. Kodak	88½	88⅞
Eaton Corp.	27⅛	26⅛
El Paso G.	12	12⅛
Equitable Life	17	17⅛
Esmark	25⅞	25⅞
Evans P. D.	5	5⅛
Exxon Corp	70⅛	70⅛
Firestone	17⅞	17⅞
Fst Chicago	14½	14⅞
Fst Nat Boston	24⅛	25⅛
Fst Penn Corp	16½	16⅞
Ford	31⅞	32⅛
GAF Corp.	8⅛	8⅛
Gamble Skogmo	23⅛	[illegible]
Gen. Dynam.	34⅛	35½
Gen. Electric	44⅛	45⅞
Gen Foods	22⅝	22⅝
Gen. Instr.	11⅛	11⅛
Gen. Mills	45½	45⅝e
Gen Motors	39⅞	40⅛
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	13⅞	13⅞
Gen. Tel. El.	20	20⅛
Gen. Tire	13	13⅛
Genesco	3⅛	3½
Georgia Pac	38	38⅛
Getty Oil	144	145
Gillette	30⅛	30½
Goodrich	16½	16½
Goodyear	16⅞	17⅛
Gould Inc.	19⅝	18½
Grace	24⅞	25⅛
Grant W.T.	4⅝	4⅞
Gt. At. & Pac.	9⅝	9⅛
Greyhound	11½	11⅝
Grumman Cp.	14⅝	14⅞
Gulf Oil	19½	19⅝
Gulf Wn Ind.	32⅛	31
Heinz, H. J.	45½	46
Hercules	27⅛	22⅝
Honeywell	27⅞	28⅝
Illinois Cent Ind	13½	13⅛
Ingersoll	74½	74½
Inland Steel	39⅛	39⅛
I.B.M.	197⅛	198
Int Harv.	24½	24⅝
Int. Nickel	24⅝	24⅝
Int. Paper	41⅞	42⅝
Int. Tel. Tel.	19⅝	19⅝
Jewel Co	23⅞	22⅛
Jim Walter	32⅝	33
Johns Manv.	19⅝	20⅛
Johnson & John	87⅞	87½
Kaiser Alum.	23	23
Kennecott	35⅛	35⅞
Kerr McGee	77⅛	76⅞
Kimb. Clk.	30⅛	30⅞
Kraftco Cp.	38⅞	38⅛
Kresge S.S.	25⅞	25
Kroger	21	21⅛
Lcgg. Myer	28⅛	28⅝
LTV	14⅝	14⅞
Litton	6½	6⅞
Lockheed	6	6⅛
Lucky Stores	13½	13⅞
Magnavox	6⅛	6⅛
Manuf Hanover	30⅛	31½
Mapco	33	33⅞
Marathon Oil	32⅛	32⅛
Marcor Inc.	21⅞	21½
Marine Mid.	17⅛	17⅞
Martin Mar.	17⅛	17⅝
McDonnell	10½	10⅝
Mead	15½	16⅞
Merck	70	70⅛
Minn. Min.	47⅞	48
Mobil Oil	37⅛	37⅛
Monsanto	55⅛	55⅛
Morgan. J. P.	56⅛	56⅝
Motorola	40⅛	40⅛
NCR Corp	26⅛	26½
NL Ind	17⅛	17⅞
Nat. Bisc.	31⅛	33
Nat. Distill.	14⅛	14⅛
Nat. Steel	39⅛	39⅛
Norfolk West	64⅝	64
NW Bancorp	37⅞	37½
Norton Simon	17⅛	17⅞
Occ. Pet.	13⅛	13⅝
Ogden	17	17½
Olin Corp.	18⅛	18⅝
Otis Elev	30½	30⅝
Owens Ill	34½	35⅞
Pac. Gas El.	19⅝	20
Pan Am.	4	4
Penn. Cent.	1⅛	1⅝
Penney J C	51½	52⅛e
Pennzoil	17⅞	18
Pepsico	56⅛	56⅛
Pet Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pfizer	31⅛	31⅛
Phelps Dod	31⅞	31⅞
Philip Mor	49⅞	47
Phill. Pet.	38⅞	39⅛
Polaroid	26⅛	25⅝
P.P.G. Ind.	25⅝	25⅝
Proc. Gamble	91½	91
Pub Ser El & Gas	11⅛	11⅝
Pullman	41⅛	41⅝
Rapid American	7⅛	7⅛
Raytheon	31	33⅞
RCA Corp	17½	17⅛
Repub. Steel	31⅛	31⅞
Reynolds Ind.	57⅞	57⅝
Reynolds Metal	15⅞	16⅛
Rockwell Int	19⅛	19⅛
Royal Dutch	37⅞	37
Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Regis	22	22½
Santa Fe Ind	26	26⅛
SCM	12⅛	12½
Schlumbgr.	107	108⅝
Scott. Paper	16½	16½
Seaboard Coast	26	27
Seagram	29⅛	29⅛
Sears Roe.	62⅛	63
Shell Oil	40⅝	41
Shell Trans.	22	21⅞
Signal Co	15⅞	16
Singer	11⅛	11
Sony	9⅝	9⅝
Sth Cal Edison	17⅛	17
Southern Pac.	28⅛	28⅛
Southern Rly.	48⅞	49⅛
Sperry Rand	33½	34
Squibb	35	36⅛
Std. Brands	60⅛	60
Std. Oil Cal.	23½	23½
Std Oil Ind.	37⅞	38½
Std Oil Ohio	56⅛	57⅛
Sterling Drug	19½	19⅛
Stevens J.P.	12⅛	12⅛
Stude Worth	27⅛	23⅛
Sunbeam Cp.	16⅛	17⅛
Sundstrand	19½	20⅛
Sun Oil	31⅞	31½
Teledyne	10⅝	10½
Tenneco	22½	22⅝
Texaco	23½	23½
Texas East Trans	26⅛	27⅛
Texas Inst	90⅛	90⅞
Texas Utilities	18⅝	19⅛
Textron	19½	17⅛
T W A.	9⅛	10
Travelers Gp.	21⅛	21⅞
T.R.W. Inc.	17⅛	18
U A L Inc.	19	19⅛
Unilever Ltd.	31	31
Unilever N.V.	44	44⅛
Unionamerica	2⅛	2
Union Bancorp	8⅛	8⅛
Union Carb	54⅞	55⅛
Un. Oil Cal.	35½	35⅛e
Un. Pacific Corp.	67½	69⅛
Uniroyal	7⅞	8
United Aircraft	40⅛	39⅞
United Brands	6	6⅛
Utd Merch & Man	14	14
U.S. Industries	4	4⅛
U.S. Steel	53⅞	55⅛
Wachovia	16⅛	15⅞
Warner Comm	12⅞	12⅞
Warner Lambert	28⅞	30⅛
Wells Fargo	15⅞	15⅞
West'n Bancorp	22	22
Westghs El.	13½	13½
Weyerhaeuser	31⅛	32½
Whirlpool	22½	22⅞
White Motor	8⅛	8⅛
Woolworth	11	11⅛
Xerox Cp.	67⅛	67⅛
Zenith	16⅛	17⅛

Canadian Prices

	Apr 7	Apr 4
Abitibi	9⅛	9½
Alcan	20⅝	20⅞
Alg. Steel	27	27
Asbestos	15⅝a	15⅝a
Bell Tel.	46½	46½
Can. Sup. Oil	32⅛	32⅛
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.58	4.58
Cominco	29⅛	29½
Cons. Bat.	23⅞	23⅛
Distiller	29⅞	29⅞
Falconbridge	31⅛	31⅝
Gulf Oil	29⅛	29⅝
Hawker Can.	5.17	5.00
Hud. Bay Min	17⅛	18⅛
Hud. Bay Oil	23⅛	23⅛
I.A.C. Ltd.	19	18⅛
Imasco	29⅛	29⅛h
Imp. Oil	24⅞	24⅞
Int. Pipe	13	13
Mass-Fergsn.	15⅛	15⅛
Power Cp.	9⅛	9⅛
Price Bros.	14	14½
Royal Trust	27⅛h	27⅛
Steel Co	27½	27⅞
Tex. Can.	32	32⅛
Trans. Mnt. Oil	10⅝	10⅝
Walker H.	35⅛	35½
W.C.T.	21½	21⅝

* Ex div. a Asked. e Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.3800 ($2.3895); three months, $2.3515 ($2.3619). Canadian dollar, 99.43c (99.53c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity price index fell 1.57 to 306.04. The futures index was 282.19.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 742.88 (747.26); transportation, 159.58 (161.65); utilities, 75.30 (76.18); 65 stocks, 232.57 (234.44).

New York Stock Exchange index, 41.69 (43.21); industrials, 46.88 (47.42); transportation, 30.44 (30.93); utilities, 29.77 (30.04); financial, 41.17 (45.04).

Business appointments

American gets executive post at Baring Brothers

Mr Wilbur J. Smith, formerly a vice-president of Morgan Guaranty Trust Co, New York, has been made a director and a managing director of Baring Brothers.

Owing to ill-health Mr W. H. Harrison has resigned from the board of AAH.

Mr P. R. Kirwan-Taylor has joined the board of Premier Consolidated Oilfields.

Mr J. Robertson has retired as managing director of Whatlings but remains chairman. Mr J. R. McGibbon and Mr D. C. Lindsay have been made joint managing directors.

Mr E. H. P. Lucas has resigned and Mr D. R. Coates has become a director of Ward and Goldstone.

Mr S. S. Jardine becomes managing director of Wimpey Asphalt. Mr Duncan Wight, the previous managing director, takes over the chairmanship of Wimpey Asphalt in succession to Mr R. H. Gane, chairman of George Wimpey.

Mr Derek Taylor has been made managing director of Warner Bros Records, UK.

Lord Taylor of Gryfe, the chairman of Morgan Grenfell (Scotland) will join the directors' advisory council of Morgan Grenfell Holdings on May 6.

Mr M. C. d'E. Miller, managing director of Alcan Foils, has been made president of the Flexible Packaging Association.

Mr David Cooper has become group financial controller of Bespoke Securities.

Mr J. F. Dickson has joined the board of F. J. C. Lilley.

Mr J. K. Goody has resigned from the board of Ladies Pride Outwear.

Mr G. C. Jones has retired from his position as consultant to Butler Till Limited.

Mr J. D. Murray becomes company secretary-chief accountant of Myddleton Hotels following the retirement of Mr F. W. Hughes.

Mr James M. Rose has been appointed director of Consolidated Bitumen & Allied Industries.

Mr Terry Tiernan, the present vice-president motorcycle division of Yamaha International, has joined the Norton Triumph Corporation of California as vice-president marketing.

Mr J. N. D. Pritchard, Mr S. G. Mills and Mr N. R. Gillhespy, all senior members of Thomson McLintock's staff have been admitted to partnership in Birmingham. Mr D. Arthur, Mr W. List and Mr A. G. Bogie have been admitted to partnership in London.

Mr Martin Brooke has joined the board of American Investment Trust NV.

Mr Michael Palmer has become company secretary of UniChem.

Mr Mark Westley has been made a director of Airflow Streamlines.

Mr C. G. Daniels and Mr G. L. Dawson have joined the board of Calkin Pattinson.

Mr Harry Matthei has joined the Troost Campbell-Ewald advertising agency system.

For personal reasons Mr R. G. Marlar has resigned from the boards of the operating companies in the Robin Marlar Group.

Mr David Sparkes has been made contracts manager for Liberty's.

Mr S. Kingsley-Tubbs has retired as senior partner after 46 years with Dixon Wilson. Sir Charles Hardie has become senior partner and Mr J. H. Gaston will act as managing partner.

Equity & Law

Life Assurance Society Limited

Extracts from the statement by the Chairman, Sir John Witt, circulated with the Report and Accounts for 1974:

* Net new sums assured and net new annual premiums in 1974 were more than six times and five times, respectively, the levels of five years ago.
* In its fourth full year, the Dutch branch contributed £56m. of new sums assured and issued its 10,000th policy.
* Depreciation of the Society's assets over 1974 was £128m.
* Gross investment income rose from £19.7m. to £22.6m.
* Total net investment by the Society in 1974 amounted to £19.2m.—£15.2m. in fixed interest securities, £8.0m. in property and £5.5m. on short-term deposit, less £9.5m. net sales of equities.
* Modified actuarial valuation bases resulted in liabilities at 31st December, 1974, of £246m. (£386m. on the previous bases).
* Declared rates of bonus for 1974 were the same as those for 1973. Terminal bonuses have been kept at 10% for the present.
* The dividend recommended is 5.1p per share.
* New group life and pensions business written by the Society in 1974 was easily a record.
* Our new, much larger, computer was installed in January 1975.
* In 1975, its 131st year, the Society is in a strong financial condition.

	1974 £ million	1973 £ million
New sums assured	806	712
Sums assured in force	2,447	1,907
New annual premiums	13.9	9.6
Total premium income	51.1	47.0
Payments to policyholders	28.0	23.9
Group net assets (market value basis)	299	405
Investment reserves	36	47
Dividend—cost	1.02	0.96
per share	5.1p	4.82343p

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, 20 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2A 3ES.

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LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the One Hundred and Fortyninth Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held in the Merchants' House, 7 West George Street, Glasgow on Wednesday 23rd April, 1975 at 2.30 p.m.

By order of the Directors

W. PROUDFOOT

General Manager and Actuary.

35 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2EP. 21st March, 1975.

Issues & Loans

Unilever NV DM100m fund-raising

An international syndicate led by the Deutsche, Dresdner and Amsterdam-Rotterdam banks and Schweizerischer Bankverein is to underwrite a public international issue of DM100m (£17.7m) 8½ per cent bonds by Unilever NV at a price to be decided. The proceeds will be used for repayment of short-term borrowings of subsidiaries outside Holland.

The issue is divided into bearer bonds, each of DM1,000. They will be redeemable after a maximum of 12 years. After the first five, in which no redemption will take place, redemption will be by seven virtually equal annual instalments. Optional early redemption will be permitted at the company's option on May 1, 1981, at a rate of 102 per cent and thereafter from year to year at a gradually falling to par. Subscription lists for the issue, quotation at Frankfurt will be applied for, will be open next Tuesday. The price will be decided the following day. Payment will be due on May 23.

As mentioned in its preliminary results, the funds required for working capital greatly increased in 1974. It was possible to finance much of this increase to be financed from the ample liquid resources held at the beginning of the year.

Chang one-for-one to raise about £4m

Chang Consolidated proposes a one-for-one rights issue of 16m ordinary of 25p each at 25p to raise about £4m. It is intended to use the proceeds to finance its expansion in its existing business and by acquisition. It will also provide additional working capital.

Group turnover for the half to January 31 of £2.49m against £1.2m, pre-tax profit increased from £352,000 to £414,000. The interim dividend is unchanged, but the new shares will not be entitled to this payment.

Kuwait loan to Spain

In the first loan by Kuwait to Spain, the Kuwait International Investment co has signed a Kuwaiti Dinar note issued by Autopistas de Cataluna y Aragon, guaranteed by the Spanish State. It has been priced at 99.5 bearing 8.5 per cent annually and is for 10 years—yielding 8.63 per cent at the first optional redemption in only five years time. Application has been made to list the notes in Luxembourg.

CRA's dollar issues

As was foreshadowed in the recent half yearly report of Broken Hill Proprietary, the company is to offer $US30m of bonds—in the international capital market—repayable in 1981—as well as $30m of debentures redeemable in 1990. The group is to use the proceeds to finance the capital expenditure programme and other needs, including working capital. The offering will be made by an international group of underwriters.

MILES OVERSEAS CAPITAL

Miles Overseas Capital NV intends to issue $20m guaranteed bonds due May 1, 1980, guaranteed by Miles Laboratories, Inc, through an international underwriting syndicate headed by Credit Suisse White Weld.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

STRAIGHTS		Bid	Offer
[illegible] 10¼ 1981	..	102	104
[illegible] 8¾ 1988	..	89	90
[illegible] 8 1987	..	89¼	90¼
[illegible] 1987	..	67	71
[illegible] 8¼ 1979	..	91¼	93¼
[illegible] Steel Corp 8¾			
[illegible]	..	86	89
[illegible] 7¾ 1987	..	89	90
[illegible] 1987	..	89	90
[illegible] 7 1980	..	97¾	99
[illegible] 7 1980	..	96¾	98
[illegible] 8 1986	..	93¾	94¾
[illegible] Food 7¾ 1991	..	84¾	85¾
[illegible] 8¼ 1981	..	92¾	94
[illegible] 8¼ 1980	..	90	92
[illegible] Tokyo 8¾ 1988	..	90¾	91¾
[illegible] Tokyo 10¾ 1981	..	102¾	103¾
[illegible] Hammer 8 1987	..	90	91
[illegible] 8 1987	..	89¾	90¾
[illegible] Kingdom 7¾	..	84¾	85¾
[illegible] Mtge Bank 7¾	..	80¾	81¾
[illegible] 1985	..	93	95
[illegible] 9¼ 1980	..	88¾	90¼
Floating Rate			
[illegible]	..	96¼	97¼
Chicago 7 1980	..	94¾	95¾
Pennsylvania 7¾			
[illegible] 84	..	78	82
[illegible] 8¾ 1987	..	89	90
Canadian Royal 8 1987	..	76	79
[illegible] 7¾ 1987	..	76	79
[illegible] 1992	..	79	82
National Util 8¾			
[illegible] 82	..	94¼	95¼
[illegible] & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	..	76	79
[illegible] 8¾ 1981	..	87¾	89¾
[illegible] 8¾ 1991	..	84	87
[illegible] 7¾ 1988	..	83¾	84¾
[illegible] 9 1989	..	94	95
[illegible] 8 1987	..	92¾	93¾
[illegible] & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	..	77	80
Coal Board 8¾ 1988	..	86	89

	Bid	Offer
Nippon Fudosn 10¼ 1980	102	103
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987	86¾	87¾
Occidental 7¾ 1984	79	81
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	90	91
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	102	103
Pennwalt 8 1987	89	90
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	90¾	91¾
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	87¾	88¾
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	91¾	92¾
Shell 7¾ 1987	91¾	92¾
Singer 11 1977	100¾	101¾
Skandinaviska 10¾ 1981	103¾	104¾
Slough 8 1988	81	84
South Africa 8 1987	81	84
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	100¼	101¼
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	97¾	98¾
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	98	99
Sybron 8 1987	89¾	90¾
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	83¾	84¾
Textron 7¾ 1987	84	85
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	90¾	91¾
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	96	97¾
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	91	92
Venezuela 8¾ 1987	93	95
Volvo 8 1987	89	90
Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987	81	85
DM BONDS		
APEL (DM) 10 1981	103¾	104¾
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1986/85	79	80
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1986/84	80	81
Denmark (DM) 9¾ 1989	100¾	101¾
Escom (DM) 7 1975/88	73	74
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	88	89
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	89¾	90¾
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	103	104
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	89¾	90¾
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	103¾	104¾
Suedafrica (DM) 8¾ 1970/85	92	93
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	90	91
$ CONVERTIBLES	Bid	Offer
AMF 5 1987	60	62
American Express 4¾ 1987	77	79
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1990	86	88
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	101	102
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1995	91	93
Borden 5 1992	86	88
Borden 6¾ 1991	72	74
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	82	84
Carnation 4 1987	82	84
Chevron 5 1992	86	88
Cummins 6¾ 1986	81	83
Dart 4¾ 1987	76	78
Eastman Kodak 4¾ 1988	104	106
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	80	82
Eaton 5 1987	72	74
Ford 5 1988	68	70
Ford 6 1986	79	81
Gillette 4¾ 1987	76	78
Gould 5 1987	73	75
General Electric 4¾ 1987	84	86
Halliburton 4¾ 1987	105	108
Harris 5 1992	66	68
Honeywell 6 1986	78	80
ITT 4¾ 1987	68	70
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	109	111
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	108	110
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	87	89
Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987	80	82
J. C. Penney 4¾ 1987	92	94
Revlon 4¾ 1987	92	94
Rank Org 4¾ 1993	47	49
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	82	84
Squibb 4¾ 1987	85	88
Texaco 4¾ 1988	79	71
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	99¾	101¾
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987	91	93
Xerox Corp 5 1988	70	72

DM=Deutschmark issue. Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	10½%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
Shenley Trust ..	12%
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 7¾%, up to £25,000 7¾%, over £25,000 8¼%.

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	42	—	3.0	7.1	4.7
117	90	Henry Sykes	117	—	4.9	4.2	7.5
61	29	Twinlock Ord	33	—	0.8	2.6	7.7
60	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	60	—	12.0	20.0	—

Foreign Exchange

Pound and dollar fall

Both sterling and the dollar fell back on foreign exchanges yesterday as their Friday gains—made in an extremely thin market—were whittled down.

While the pound dropped by more than a cent against the dollar at one stage, the American currency also suffered with fear of United States intervention in Vietnam causing a great deal of uncertainty.

At that stage, dealers said, many operators "squared positions" while the market remained devoid of trends. The dollar later staged a rally, however.

Sterling closed 100 points down at $2.3805.

The fall stemmed from a number of factors. Not only was it dragged down by a weaker dollar, but there was a general feeling that it had been overvalued against most currencies.

In terms of the currencies of Britain's major trading partners, sterling's "depreciation rate" worsened to 21.6 per cent from 21.2 per cent.

Gold fell $1.00 an ounce, to $172.50.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) April 7	Market rates (close) April 7
New York	$2.3795-3910	$2.3800-3810
Montreal	$2.3890-4010	$2.3915-3925
Amsterdam	5.76-79fl	5.76¾-77¾fl
Brussels	83.40-84.00f	83.60-80f
Copenhagen	13.01-10k	13.01¾-03¾k
Frankfurt	5.64-69m	5.64¾-65¾m
Lisbon	58.30-50e	58.40-60e
Madrid	133.80-134.70p	133.90-134.10p
Milan	1.508-16lr	1.508-10lr
Oslo	11.80-85k	11.80¾-81¾k
Paris	10.07-13f	10.07¾-08¾f
Stockholm	9.43-46k	9.43¾-44¾k
Tokyo	692-700y	694-96y
Vienna	39.80-40.40sch	39.90-40.10sch
Zurich	8.06-12f	8.06¾-07¾f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971, up 0.4 to 21.6 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	0.95-0.85c prem	2.90-2.80c prem
Montreal	1.15-1.05c prem	3.30-3.20c prem
Amsterdam	2¾-1¾c prem	8¾-7¾c prem
Brussels	30-10c prem	85-65c prem
Copenhagen	2¾ore prem-1 ore disc	6-8ore prem
Frankfurt	4-3pf prem	11¾-10¾pf prem
Lisbon	40c prem-60c disc	90c prem-100c disc
Milan	4-7lr disc	8-11lr disc
Oslo	3¾-5¾ore disc	6¾-9¾ore disc
Paris	Par-2c disc	2c prem-par
Stockholm	2ore prem-1ore disc	2¾ore prem-1¾ore disc
Vienna	30gro prem-par	75-35gro prem
Zurich	4-3c prem	10¾-9¾c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9948-51.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5¾-6¾; seven days, 5¾-6¾; one month, 6¾-7¾; three months, 7¾-8; six months, 8¾-8¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $173.25 (an ounce); pm, $172.50.

Krugerrand (per coin): $175-179 (£74-75¾); Sovereigns: (old), $53¾-55 (£22¾-23); (new), $55¾-57 (£23¾-24).

Discount market

Supply and demand for credit was balanced in the discount market yesterday, and official intervention was not required. Rates for overnight secured call loans closed 8½ to 9 per cent, unchanged from mid-session and slightly broader than the opening level of 8½ to 9 per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10¼% (Last changed 21-3-75)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10¼-10½%

Discount Mkt Loans%

Overnight: Open 9¼ Close 9¼

Week Fixed: 8¾-9

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9¾	2 months	9¾
3 months	9¾	3 months	9¾

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	9¾-9¾	3 months	11
3 months	9-9	4 months	11¼
4 months	9¾-9¾	6 months	11¾
6 months	9¾-9¾		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-10¼	7 months	10¾-10¼
2 months	10¼-10¼	8 months	10¾-10¼
3 months	10¼-10¼	9 months	11¼-10¾
4 months	10¼-10¼	10 months	11¼-10¾
5 months	10¼-10¼	11 months	11¼-10¾
6 months	10¼-10¼	12 months	11¼-10¾

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	9¾-9¾	6 months	10-9¾
3 months	9¾-9¾	12 months	10¾-10¾

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9	3 months	9¾
7 days	9	6 months	10
1 month	9¾	1 year	11¼

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 8¼ Close 3

1 week	8-8¾	6 months	9¾-9¾
1 month	9¾-9¾	9 months	10¼-10¾
3 months	9¾-9¾	12 months	10¼-10¾

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months 10 | 6 months 10¼

Finance House Base Rate 11¾%

Commodities

Lead falls below £200 a tonne

LEAD prices closed below £200 a tonne on the London Metal Exchange yesterday. Cash metal finished £10 lower while three months was £8 down.

Stocks of lead in LME registered warehouses fell last week by 1,650 as generally expected, to 30,275 tonnes. But the market remained overshadowed by the widespread feeling that large tonnages would soon be arriving from the United States.

Afternoon.—Cash, £196-96.00 a metric ton; three months, £195-96.00. Sales, 1,400 tons. Morning.—Cash £191-93.00; three months, £194-95.00. Settlement, £193.00. Sales, 3,850 tons.

The Broken Hill Associated Smelters Proprietary is again cutting production of refined lead at its Port Pirie plant due to a further decline in demand for lead in export markets, Rio Tinto Zinc Corporation said. The reduction will take immediate effect and, together with cuts announced in January and March, means output will now be at the rate of 11,500 tonnes a month or about 60 per cent of normal capacity.

No indication can be given as to the duration of this record low level of production, RTZ said.

COPPER.—Wire bars were quieter; cathodes were quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £568-69.00 a metric ton; three months, £586.50-87.00. Sales, 1,500 tons. Cash cathodes, £557-58.00; three months, £575-76.50. Sales, 500 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £560-69.50; three months, £588-88.50. Settlement, £569.50. Sales, 5,850 tons. Cash cathodes, £559-60.00; three months, £576-78.00. Settlement, £560.00. Sales 450 tons.

SILVER was barely steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 172.10p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 410.6); three months, 176.20p (415.3c); six months, 181.50p (431.8c); one-year 191.10p (455.5c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 171.2-71.5p; three months, 175-75.2p; seven months, 181.5-82.0p. Sales, 67 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 172.3-2.5p; three months, 176.3-6.5p; seven months, 182.8-3.0p. Settlement, 172.5p. Sales, 71 lots.

TIN.—Standard metal was quiet; high-grade was idle.—Afternoon.—Standard, cash, £3,030-35 a metric ton; three months, £3,060-63. Sales, 390 tons. High grade, cash, £3,030-55; three months, £3,060-65. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard, cash, £3,038-40; three months, £3,065-67. Settlement, £3,040. Sales, 300 tons. High grade, cash, £3,038-40; three months, £3,065-70. Settlement, £3,840. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, $M956 a picul.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £329-30.00 a metric ton; three months, £327-28.00. Sales, 975 tons. Morning.—Cash, £329-30.00; three months, £326-26.50. Settlement, £330.00. Sales, 1,700 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM fell by 25p yesterday to £62.50-£64.50 ($149-$154) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, April/May, £233.00; Bangladesh white "D" grade, April/May, £234.00 per long ton. Calcutta steady.—Indian, April/May, Rs440; Dundee Daisee, April/May, Rs390 per bale of 400lb.

WOOL.—Greasy futures closed steady. May, 158.5-59.5p per kilo; July, 161.5-63.0p; Oct, 165.0-66.5p; Dec, 167.5-70.0p; March, 172.0-73.0p; May, 173.0-75.0p; July, 174.0-76.0p; Oct, 175.0-79.0p. Sales: two lots.

Bradford.—Crossbred tops were being quoted one, two or three pence dearer yesterday, due to higher prices at auction in New Zealand on Friday. South American wool auctions do not resume until today but attitudes here yesterday were tending firmer not so much because higher prices will have to be paid but because Australian prices are expected to become more relevant. There is a steady, if limited flow of business in tops.

RUBBER closed about steady.—May, 27.15-27.70p per kilo; June, 27.30-27.90p; July/Sept, 28.35-28.45p; Oct/Dec, 29.60-29.65p; Jan/March, 30.80-30.85p; April/June, 31.60-70p; July/Sept, 32.10-32.20p; Oct/Dec, 32.60-32.75p; Jan/March, 32.90-33.35p. Sales: 73 lots at 15 tonnes each.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quietly steady.—Spot: 26.00-27.50p. Cif's: May, 25.90-26.10p; June, 26.30-26.50p.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 36.0-39.0p per lb; *Scotch killed sides, 39.5p; English hindquarters, 45.0-47.0p; English forequarters, 28.0-28.0p; Ulster hindquarters, 43.0-47.0p; Ulster forequarters, 27.0-28.0p; Eire hindquarters, 45.0-47.5p; Eire forequarters, 26.0-27.5p.

VEAL: English fats, 34.0-43.0p; *English fats, 45.0p; Scotch bobbies, 9.0-12.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 58.0-62.5p.

LAMB: English smalls, new season, 44.0-52.0p; English medium, new season, 46.0-50.0p; English heavy, new season, 43.0-46.0.

Imported frozen: New Zealand D's, 30.5-31.0p; New Zealand 2's, 29.5-29.5p; New Zealand 8's, 28.0-28.5p; New Zealand YLs, 29.5-30.5p.

HOGGETS: English, 28.0-38.0p; Scotch, 22.0-28.0p.

EWES: 12.0-13.0p.

PORK: English, under 100lb, 27.0-34.0p; 100-120lb, 27.0-31.0p; 120-160lb, 27.0-31.0p; 160-180lb, 25.0-28.0p; 180lb and over, 25.0-26.0p.

*Special quotations—very high quality produce in limited supply.

COFFEE.—Yesterday afternoon, Robusta futures were inclined to mark time as no particular pressure developed from either side of the market. The close was quiet with values £3.0 to £5.0 higher after sales of 552 lots. Arabica terminal was well maintained on dealer support in Ang and closed 95 to 45 points higher in a turnover of 49 lots.

ROBUSTAS.—May, £426.0-26.5 a metric ton; July, £417.0-17.5; Sept, £416.5-17.0; Nov, £416.5-18.0; Jan, £418.5-19.0; March, £419.0-21.0; May, £420.0-24.0. Sales: 552 lots, including one option.

ARABICAS.—April, $52.30-55.50 per 50 kilos; June, $55.40-57.00; Aug, $57.80-57.90; Oct, $58.30-58.40; Dec, $58.50-60.00; Feb, $59.30-60.50; April, $59.80-60.50. Sales: 49 lots.

COCOA futures continued very steady yesterday afternoon, establishing new "highs" virtually throughout the list. Support was mixed but included some shortcovering and stop-loss buying.

Final levels were generally below the best, particularly in nearby May, but the overall tone was very steady. Prices closed £6.50 to £18.00 per tonne higher on balance.

May, £641.5-2.0 a metric ton; July, £616.0-15.5; Sept, £585.5-6.0; New Dec, £540.5-1.0; March, £582.5-3.0; May, £581.0-4.0; July, £580.0-5.0. Sales: 3,570 lots. ICO prices, daily, 61.50c; 15-day average, 61.96c; 22-day, 62.45c.

SUGAR futures traded in a narrow range throughout yesterday afternoon with mixed selling being met by general covering interest. At the close, values were £6.60 to £8.55 lower on balance and sales totalled 3,557 lots. The London daily price was unchanged at £230 a long ton.

May, £225.00-6.00 a long ton; Aug, £211.00-11.75; Oct, £196.80-6.95; Dec, £187.00-8.00; March, £181.25-2.00; May, £176.00-8.00; Aug, £174.00-5.00. ISA prices, daily, 93.05c; 17-day average, 95.35c.

TEA.—A total of 43,734 packages of North Indian and African teas was offered at yesterday's sale, according to the Teabrokers' Association. North Indian teas met with a selective enquiry and prices were sometimes three pence lower with dusts a week feature. Bright Africans showed little change, but plainer mediums were one or two pence easier and dusts at times difficult to sell, particularly towards the close.

MARK LANE.—Business was quiet in all sections of the grain market yesterday and prices showed little change from previous closing levels. Isolated sales mentioned included an April delivery of denaturable wheat to Avon at £51 and a May delivery into the Midlands at £50.50 per long ton. The following are average sellers quotations in sterling per long ton for delivery London area. Wheat milling May £53, denaturable quality, May, £51.50. Barley feed, April, £51.50.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring number two 14 per cent, May, £81.55; June, £81.05; July, £80.95 transhipment eastcoast. All a long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin, BARLEY fully steady.—May, £59.10; Sept, £53.00; Nov, £54.10; Jan, £56.10; March, £58.10. WHEAT, steady.—May, £49.50; Sept, £54.50; Nov, £56.70; Jan, £58.85; March, £60.85. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—Feeding BARLEY.—Darlington, £48.15.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's regional and UK average ex-farm spot prices for week ending April 3, 1975.—Soft milling WHEAT.—S East, £49.80; S West, £50.00; Eastern, £49.15; E Midlands, £48.45; N East, £49.00; N West, £48.00; UK, £49.05. Feeding BARLEY.—S East, £49.35; S West, £49.70; Eastern, £49.20; E Midlands, £48.95; W Midlands, £49.00; N East, £49.25; N West, £49.80; Scotland, £48.20; UK, £49.15.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Finance for Ind 13¾ Ln (£99¾e)	£27¾-1
Kellock 10p Cnv Units	23
Lincoln Corp 13¾ 1980 (£99)	£99¾
Mid Kent Wtr 10¾ Rd Pf (*)	£10¾
Mid Southern Wtr 10¾ 1980 (*b)	£10¾
Southend 13¾ 1981 (£99¾b)	£10-1
Sth Staffs Wtr 10¾ Rd Pf (*)	£10¾
Sutton Wtr 10¾ Rd Pf 1980 (*)	£10¾
Warwickshire 13¾ 1980 (£99¾b)	£10¾

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Barratt Dev (60)	May 23	37 prem+7
Bestobell (88)	May 9	12 prem+3
Bridon (85)	May 16	11+9
Cons Gold Fields (165)	May 16	20 prem
£31/80	May 2	108+7
General Mining (R32)	May 9	10 prem
Guardian Ryl (130)	May 2	27 prem
Macpherson, D (25)	May 16	7 prem+1
Midland Bank (185)	May 2	20 prem+4
RTZ (125)	May 2	123+4
Sketchley Ord (38)	May 16	50+2
Steetley (90)	May 22	8¾ prem+2
Unigate (32)	May 9	2 prem

Issued price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £60 paid. b £30 paid. c £30 paid. f £40 paid.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

[illegible]

● Ex dividend. † Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous days price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (7) April 15. (8) April 8. (9) April 9. (10) April 30. (14) May 1. (15) April 9. (16) April 18. (18) May 13. (19) April 24. (20) 20th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 1st Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month.

THE LIST OF APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPENED AT 10.00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, 10th APRIL 1975 AND WILL BE CLOSED ON THE SAME DAY.

GREATER LONDON COUNCIL
GREATER LONDON
12½ Per Cent STOCK, 1982

ISSUE OF £75,000,000 AT £97.75

PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS:

On application	£10.00 per cent
On Thursday, 8th May, 1975	£30.00 per cent
On Monday, 23rd June, 1975	£57.75 per cent
	£97.75 per cent

INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 25th MAY AND 25th NOVEMBER

The issue is made in accordance with a General Consent given by the Treasury under the Control of Borrowing Order 1958. The Stock is an investment falling within Part II of the First Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1961. Application has been made to the Council of the Stock Exchange for the Stock to be admitted to the Official List.

The Stock is created by a Resolution of the Greater London Council dated 3rd October 1972, and is issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972. THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND are authorised to receive applications for the Stock.

1 PURPOSE OF ISSUE
The proceeds of the issue will be used to replace monies borrowed temporarily to meet capital expenditure pending the raising of loans; to redeem other loans falling due for repayment; to finance further capital expenditure of the Council as authorised by the Council's annual Money Acts; to make advances to bodies and persons to whom the Council is authorised to lend money; and for other purposes for which the Council is authorised to borrow.

2 REGISTRATION
The Stock will be registered at the Bank of England and will be transferable, in multiples of one new penny, by instrument in writing in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1963. Transfers will be free of stamp duty.

3 INTEREST
Interest (less income tax) will be payable half-yearly at the Bank of England on 25th May and 25th November. Interest warrants will be transmitted by post. The first payment will be made on 25th November 1975 at the rate of £6.06 (less income tax) per £100 Stock.

4 REDEMPTION OF STOCK
The Stock, if not previously cancelled after purchase in the open market, will be repaid at par at the Bank of England on 25th May 1982.

5 PROVISION FOR REPAYMENT
The Council maintains a Consolidated Loans Fund and is required to pay into this Fund out of the revenues of the Council sums necessary for providing for the redemption of all stocks and other outstanding securities of the Council.

6 SECURITY
The Stock will be charged on all the revenues of the Council and will rank thereof rank equally with all stocks and other securities for which the Council has assumed responsibility and other stocks and securities issued or to be issued by the Council.

7 STATISTICS RELATING TO GREATER LONDON

Area	610 square miles
Population (mid-1974 provisional estimate)	7,167,700
Rateable Value 1st April, 1974	£1,[illegible],035
Product of a rate of 1p in the £, 1975-76 (estimated)	£18,950,000
Estimated Revenue of the Council 1974-75:	
Rates	£409,915,000
Government grants	73,000,000
Rents, fees and other income	303,585,000
	£786,500,000
Outstanding loan debt 31st March, 1974:	
Gross outstanding loan debt	£1,500,732,543
Less	
Debt in respect of services transferred to Government Departments and other local authorities £54,661,092	
Loans to other local and public authorities 60,774,943	
Loans to borrowers under Housing and other Acts 351,683,015	
Deferred repayments from purchasers of Council houses 55,968,056	£523,087,106
Net debt of the Council (of which Housing £656,853,707)	£977,645,437

8 APPLICATIONS AND GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS
Applications will be received at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA. Applications must be for £100 Stock, or a multiple thereof, up to £2,000 Stock; applications for more than £2,000 Stock must be in a multiple of £500 Stock. No allotment will be made for a less amount than £100 Stock. A separate cheque representing a deposit of £10 per cent of the nominal amount applied for must accompany each application.
The Council reserves the right to allot a less amount than that applied for. Letters of allotment in respect of Stock allotted will be despatched by post at the risk of the applicant. If no allotment is made, the deposit will be refunded in the case of partial allotment, the balance of the amount paid as deposit will be refunded by cheque.
Payment in full may be made at any time after allotment but no discount will be allowed on such payment. Default in the payment of any instalment by its due date will render the deposit and any instalment previously paid liable to forfeiture and the allotment to cancellation.
Letters of allotment may be split into denominations of multiples of £100 on written request received by the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA, on any date not later than 19th June 1975 such a request must be accompanied by the letter of allotment (but the letter cannot be split if any instalment payment is overdue). Letters of allotment must be surrendered for registration, accompanied by a completed registration form, when the final instalment is paid, unless payment in full has been made before the due date, in which case they must be surrendered for registration not later than 23rd June 1975.
A commission of 12½p per £100 Stock will be paid to bankers or stockbrokers on allotments made in respect of applications bearing their stamp; this commission will not, however, be paid in respect of any allotment which arises out of an underwriting commitment.
Prospectuses and application forms may be obtained at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA, or at any of the branches of the Bank of England; at the National Westminster Bank Limited, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 79, Drapers Gardens, 12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2P 2BD; from Messrs. Mullens & Co., 15 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6AN; or any branch of The Stock Exchange; or from the Greater London Council, County Hall (Room 98), London, SE1 7PB

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LONDON.
7th April, 1975

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(Stamp) | VAT Regn. No: (if not registered put 'NONE')

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GREATER LONDON
12½ Per Cent STOCK, 1982

ISSUE OF £75,000,000 AT £97.75 PER CENT

TO THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND

I/We request you to allot to me/us in accordance with the terms of the prospectus dated 7th April 1975 a £ ....

say, ... pounds, of the above-named Stock and I/we hereby engage to pay the instalments as they shall become due on any allotment that may be made in respect of this application, as provided by the said prospectus. I/We request that any letter of allotment in respect of the Stock allotted to me/us be sent to me/us by post at my/our risk.

The sum of b£ .... being the amount of the required deposit (namely £10 for every £100 of the Stock applied for), is enclosed.

c I/We declare that the applicant(s) is/are not resident outside the Scheduled Territories d and that the security is not being acquired by the applicant(s) as the nominee(s) of any person(s) resident outside those Territories.

.... April 1975 SIGNATURE ....

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS

SURNAME AND DESIGNATION
MR/MRS/MISS OR TITLE ....
FIRST NAME(S) IN FULL ....
ADDRESS IN FULL ....

a Applications must be for £100 of the Stock or a multiple thereof up to £2,000 Stock; applications for more than £2,000 Stock must be in multiples of £500 Stock. Applications should be lodged at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London EC4M 9AA.
b A separate cheque must accompany each application. Cheques should be made payable to "Bank of England" and crossed "Greater London Stock".
c If this declaration cannot be made it should be deleted and reference should be made to an Authorised Depositary or, in the Republic of Ireland, an Approved Agent, through whom lodgment should be effected. Authorised Depositaries are listed in the Bank of England's Notice EC 1 and include most banks and stockbrokers and practising solicitors in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man; Approved Agents in the Republic of Ireland are defined in the Bank of England's Notice EC 10.
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Secretarial and General Appointments also on page 22

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Two superior films are on view—High Society (ITV 7.0), the utterly delightful musical, and the classic Arsenic and Old Lace (BBC2 9.0) with the smooth Cary Grant. Edward the Seventh (ITV 9.0) looks like becoming compulsive watching but unfortunately clashes with 1956: The Year the Illusions Ended (BBC1 9.25), a fascinating profile of that fateful 12 months. Checkmate (ITV 11.30) hopes, with the help of David Nixon, to teach viewers chess, while Managing to Survive (BBC2 ...) has Viscount Watkinson talking about free enterprise. The Italian Way (BBC1 ...) visits the Anchovy Coast, and Reunion (BBC1 10.15) brings together three musicians.—T.S.

BBC 1

... pm, Pipaboo. 12.55, ... 1.00, Pebble Mill. 1.45, ...a-Ding. 1.50-2.00, Boris ... Bold. 4.00, Play School. ... Huckleberry Hound. 4.30, ... and Dixie. 4.35, Jackanory. 4.50, Valley of the Dinosaurs. 5.15, Vision On. 5.40, ... Roundabout.
... News. 6.00, Nationwide.*
... The Little House on the Prairie.
... The Italian Way: The Anchovy Coast.
... The Rockford Files.
... News.
... 1956: The Year the Illusions ended: Documentary.
... Reunion.
... Midweek.
... Weather.
...ack and white.

...nal variations (BBC1): WALES—12.30-12.55 pm. ...mitters Closedown. 5.15-5.40, ...wear. 6.00-6.50, Wales Today. ...nwide. 6.50-7.10, Heddiw. ...-7.40, Hyn o Fyd. 10.15-10.45, ... Line Up. 11.28, News of ... SCOTLAND—12.30-... pm, Transmitters Closedown. ...-6.50, Reporting Scotland. ...nwide. 10.15-11.05, Chur... People. 11.05-11.29, Scope... News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND—12.30-12.55 pm. ...mitters Closedown. 6.00-6.50, ... Around Six. Nationwide. ...-10.45, Colour Me Music. ... pm, Northern Ireland News ...lines. ENGLAND—10.15-... pm, North, Food for ...ight. North-West, The Other ... Shoes. North-East, The True ... of Coal. Midlands, I've got my ... West, The Show Must Go ... South-West, Cornwall—A ... Country. South, A Secret ...and. East Anglia, Best of the ...

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University.* Childhood in Victorian Literature. 7.05, Maths. 7.30, Mechanics. 7.55, Closedown. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 5.00 pm, Open University.* 5.00-5.25, Finite State Machines. 5.50, Maths. 6.15, Electricity and Magnetism. 6.40, Managing to Survive (new series). 7.05, Open University.* Ions in Solution.
7.30 Newsday.
7.45 The Great Match: 1970 Wimbledon — Ladies' Final, Margaret Court (Australia) v Billie Jean King (United States).
8.35 Book Programme.
9.00 Film: Arsenic and Old Lace (1944), with Cary Grant, Raymond Massey, Jack Carson, Peter Lorre, Priscilla Lane.*
10.55 News.
11.25-11.30, Manning Wilson reads Loch Brandy, by Andrew Young.

Thames

11.00 am, Animated Classics, Kidnapped. 11.45, Larry the Lamb. 12.00, Mr Trimble. 12.15 pm, King Wilbur III. 12.30, West Country Fare. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Emmerdale Farm. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Pathfinders. 3.55, There Goes That Song Again. 4.25, Shang a Lang. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, The Flintstones.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Film, High Society, with Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Grace Kelly.
9.00 Edward the Seventh.
10.00 News.
10.30 Disappearing World. Kenya: Masai Manhood.
11.30 Checkmate.
12.00 On the Spot.

Southern

11.15 am, Hammy Hamster. 11.30, Trouble with Dogs. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Film; Echo of Diana, with Vincent Ball, Betty McDowall, Dermot Walsh, Geoffrey Toone* 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Dodo. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.45, University Challenge. 7.15, McMillan and Wife. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Professional Wrestling. 12.15 am, Southern News. 12.25, Weather. Guideline.

Scottish

11.00 am, Alphabet Soup. 11.30, The Trouble with Dogs. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Jason King. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Laceybuttonpoppers. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, University Challenge. 7.00, New Who Do You Do ? 7.30, Film, Steel Town, with Ann Sheridan, John Lund. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Late Call. 11.35-12.20 am, Professional Wrestling.

Ulster

11.15 am, Hammy Hamster. 11.30, Trouble with Dogs. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Bridget Loves Bernie. 7.30, Film, Don't Take It to Heart, with Richard Greene, Patricia Medina. 9.00-11.30, Thames.

Westward

11.00 am, Yoga for Health. 11.30, *Trouble with Dogs*. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, London. The Making of a City. 3.25, Thames. 5.20, Sports Quiz. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.10, Hec Ramsey. 9.00, Thames. 11.27, Westward News and Weather. 11.30, Faith for Life.

Granada

11.00 am, Thunderbirds. 11.45, Hammy Hamster. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, A Parisian in Paris, Sacha Distel. 3.55, Thames. 5.15, Chuckleheads.* 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, University Challenge. 7.05, Lucy. 7.35, Film: The Daughters of Joshua Cabe, with Buddy Ebsen, Karen Valentine. 9.00, Thames. 11.30-12.20 am, Professional Wrestling.

Border

11.05 am, Here Comes the Future. 11.30, The Trouble with Dogs. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Jason King. 3.55, Thames. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Mr and Mrs. 7.30, Cartoon. 7.35, Shaft. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Border News.*

HTV

... am, Trouble with Dogs. ...0, Thames. 1.20 pm, West ...lines 1.25, Wales Headlines. ..., Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. ..., Rooms. 3.00, Dangerman.* ..., Thames. 5.20, Help. 5.25, ...sroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. ..., The Protectors. 7, Film, The ..., with Barbara Stanwyck, ...ell Corey, Walter Huston.* ...hames. 11.30, Weather.

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ATV

11.30 am, Mr Piper. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, The Saint.* 3.55, Thames. 5.20, The Partridge Family. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.10, Cool Million. 9.00, Thames. 11.30-12.00, Night Gallery.

Yorkshire

...0 am, Felix the Cat. 11.05, ...ingflash. 11.30, Skippy. 12.00, ...mes. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. ..., Thames. 3.00, London—the ...ing of a City. 3.55, Thames. ..., The Addams Family. 5.50, ... 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. ..., New Who Do You Do ? 7.30, ...y Boop. 7.35, McMillan and ... 9.00, Thames. 11.30-11.55, ...and Your Golf.

Anglia

11.30 am, Trouble with Dogs. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, ATV. 7.15, McCloud. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Reflection.

Grampian

...30 am, Documentary, Trouble ... Dogs. 12.00, Thames. ... pm, Grampian News Headlines. ..., Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. ..., Rooms. 3.00, London, the ...ing of a City, Part 1. 3.55, ...mes. 5.20, Skippy. 5.50, News. ..., Grampian News. 6.10, Anna ... the King. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, ... Who Do You Do ? 7.30, ...toon. 7.35, McMillan and Wife. ...0, Thames. 11.30, Prayers.

Tyne Tees

11.00 am, Cartoon. 11.05, Technoflash. 11.30, Trouble with Dogs. 12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, House Party. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, London: The Making of a City. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, The Addams Family. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, New Who Do You Do ? 7.30, Betty Boop. 7.35, McMillan and Wife. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, News. 11.35, Epilogue.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Alan Freeman. 7.02, Beat the Record. 7.30, Sing Something Simple.† 8.02, Roland Shaw.† 9.02, The Impresarios: Jack Hylton, part 2. 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Jeff Cooper.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Jeff Cooper.† 12.31, News.
† Stereo.

2

6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Tony Brandon.† 8.27, Racing Bulletin.† 9.02, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk.) 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3

7.00 am, News. 7.05, Arne, Blow, Handel, J. C. Bach.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Bruch, Kalliwoda.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Liszt.† 9.35, Academy of the BBC: Vivaldi, Mendelssohn, Martin.† 10.55, Concert: Beethoven and Archduke Rudolph.† 12.20 pm, Cardiff Midday Prom: Part 1, Rossini, Mozart.† 1.00, News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.20, Concert: Part 2, Schubert, Beethoven.† 2.10, Dallapiccola, Sciarrino, Maderna, Nono.† 3.00, Melody.† 4.10, Piano recital: Rachmaninov and Medtner.† 4.55, Jazz Today.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, A Stranger Abroad. 7.00, The Nature of Violence. 7.30, Recital: Part 1, Haydn, Beethoven.† 8.10, The Arts Worldwide. 8.30, Recital: Part 3, Smetana.† 9.20, Play: Jump, by Ken Whitmore, with Wilfred Pickles, Judy Bennett.† 10.05, Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra: Mozart.† 10.55, Pears Sings Britten.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for Today. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Dial a Policeman, with Chief Sup. Stephen O'Brien and Chief Inspector Janet Jester of the Metropolitan Police. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Down Your Way. 11.45, John Ebdon. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Dad's Army. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen With Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Broome Stages. 4.00, News. 4.05, Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35, Story Time: Sandi—The King-maker. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, My Music ! 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, It's Your Line: 01-580 4411. 8.30, In Our Time: Part 12, A Very Long Shadow Indeed. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: An Unimpeachable Source. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore forecast.
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" . . . For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name." —St. Luke, 1: 49.

BIRTHS

ARKELL.—On April 6th, at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, to Susan, wife of Rupert Arkell—a daughter.

BRYDEN.—On 2nd April, at Queen Mary Maternity Home, Edinburgh, to Deborah (nee Morris) and Bill—a daughter (Mary Kate).

CECIL.—On April 7th, at Mahnesney Hospital, to Vanessa (nee Bailey) and David Cecil—a daughter (Anoushka).

CROCKER.—On 5th April, to Elizabeth (nee Wilson) and Peter—a daughter (Harriet Mary), sister for Rosamund.

DENE.—On April 6th, to Pene (nee Sims-Hilditch) and John Michael Dene—a son (John Anthony).

DOBSON.—On April 4th at Catterick Military Hospital, to Rosemary and Laurence—a daughter (Rosalie Hannah), a sister for Rebecca, Jemima, Matthew and Benjamin.

HESKETH.—On March 28th, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia, to Margaret and Blair, a son (Rollo Bromley Claude Blair).

KEALY.—On 3rd April, 1975, to Priscilla (nee Cornish-Bowden) and Brian—a daughter (Lydia Catherine).

KLUTH.—On March 25th, to Rosemary (nee Lurisden) and Udo, 2 Hamburg 65, Waldweg 41—a son (Daniel).

LARMAN.—On 7th April, 1975, at Northwick Park Hospital, to Pauline (nee Macaulay) and Trevor—a son (Nicholas James).

LLOYD.—On 3rd April, 1975, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jill (nee Dunkerley) and Michael—a daughter (Nicola).

OWEN.—On March 31st at Macclesfield Hospital to Diana and Richard—a daughter (Rachel Juliet).

ROWE.—On 26th March, 1975, at Barnstaple, to Rosamund (nee Hope) and Nicholas Rowe—a daughter (Tamasin).

SANDFORD.—On 4th April, 1975, to Rosemary (nee Goodhew) and Paul—a son.

SARDA.—On 4th April, to Anne and Kailash—a son, brother for Ruby and Gita.

SHERRATT.—On April 4th, to Norma (nee Jenkins) and Chris—a daughter (Joanna).

SIBCY.—On April 4th, 1975, at Moreton-in-Marsh to Patricia (nee Allaby) and Anthony—a son (Andrew Anthony Benjamin), little brother for Edward.

THORNEYCROFT.—On April 5th, 1975, at home to Pippa (nee Manners) and John—a daughter.

VINE.—On 28th March, at West Cheshire Hospital, to Margaret (nee Haynes-Thomas) and Robert—a son (Edward Spencer), brother for Matthew.

BIRTHDAYS

WHITE.—Happy 18th birthday Joan.—Mark.

27 TODAY RICHARD. Happy birthday. Love Pill and Plop.

MARRIAGES

CRAVEN : FULLARD.—On April 5th, 1975, at the Church of St. Laurence, Nettleden, Timothy Craven, of Langley, Kent, to Catherine Fullard, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

FLEMING-COADE : HAWKINS.—On April 5 at St. Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, Jeremy, son of Mrs. Dorothy Fleming-Coade, of Malden Bradley, Wiltshire, to Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. Hawkins, of Berkhamsted.

MARRIAGES

GRIGGS : GILLETT.—On April 5th, at Croxteth, Kenneth, son of Cecil Griggs, O.B.E., and Mrs Griggs, of Nicosia, to Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Gillett, of Knowle, Birmingham.

HOBSON : WALKER.—April 4, at Carlton Hall, Rodney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hobson, Disley, Cheshire, to Judy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lacy, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

HUTCHESON : WARRACK. — On Saturday, 5th April, 1975, at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Edinburgh, by the Right Rev D. B. Porter, assisted by the Rev Aeneas Mackintosh, Colin W. H. Hutcheson to Elizabeth Jean Warrack.

SALT : WALKER.—On April 5th, 1975, at All Saints, Brixworth, Commander James Salt, R.N., only son of the late Lieutenant Commander Salt, R.N., and Mrs W. J. Lamb, of Weston's Bank, Lyndhurst, to Penelope Walker, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Walker, of "Wall Garth", Holcot.

GOLDEN WEDDING

GLUCKSTEIN-KLEAN.—On April 7th, 1925, in London, Louis Hallé Gluckstein to Doreen Esther Klean.

DEATHS

ARGLES.—On April 4th, peacefully, at a London hospital, Dorothy Phyllis, aged 85, widow of Oscar Follix Argles, and much loved aunt, great aunt, great great aunt and great great great aunt. Funeral Thursday, April 10th, at Putney Vale Crematorium at 12.30. Flowers to Edwin Bassett, 229 St John's Hill, Battersea, S.W.11.

BLATTNER.—Robert H. D. Blattner, A.R.S.M., A.M.I.M.M., M.R.I.—On Saturday, 5th April, suddenly, aged 82, dearly beloved father of Roberta. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday, 11th April, 1975, at 10.00.

BOLTON.—On April 4, 1975, James Vincent, aged 66, of Acorns, Coles, Oak Lane, Dedham, Essex. Beloved husband of Edith, and loving father of Charles and Simon. Funeral Service, Wednesday, April 9, at 10 a.m. at Dedham Church, followed by private cremation. No flowers.

BUDDEN.—MARGARET IRENE.—On April 6th, 1975, at her home, 15 Parkstone Avenue, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, beloved wife of the late Lionel Budden, B.A., Mus. Bac., formerly headmaster of Appleby Grammar School. Cremation takes place at Bournemouth Crematorium Friday, April 11th, at 12.15 p.m. Enquiries to H. Mew & Son, Funeral Director, 6 Bournemouth Road, Parkstone. Tel. 741169.

BUTLER.—On April 7th, peacefully, at Sidmouth, Elizabeth Mary, dearly loved wife of Vincent (John) and mother of Brian. No flowers or letters, please. R.I.P.

CAVENAGH-MAINWARING. — On April 5th, 1975, after a short illness, Joan, eldest daughter of the late Major and Mrs Gordon Cavenagh-Mainwaring, of Whitmore Hall, Staffordshire. Funeral service at St. Bartholomew's, Lodsworth, Petworth, Friday, April 11th at 3.00 p.m., followed by cremation at Chichester Crematorium.

COLUMBINE.—On March 16th, 1975, peacefully in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, Montagu Eric, pensioner of Chartered Bank Ltd. Sadly missed by his wife Aileen and son Peter.

COLVILLE.—On April 3rd, 1975, peacefully, at Red Rock, Topsham, Exeter, The Honourable Margaret Colville, J.P., aged 83 years. Elder daughter of (2nd) Viscount Colville of Culross. The funeral will take place at St. Mary's, Chiddingstone, Kent, at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, April 11th. Flowers may be sent to W. & F. Groombridge, Funeral Directors, 51 Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge, Kent (Tel. Tonbridge 3964). Cars from W. & F. Groombridge will meet at Tunbridge Wells the train leaving Charing Cross at 9.40 a.m. Arrangements for a memorial service in Devon will be announced later.

CROUZET.—On April 7, Birley Charles Jocelyn Crouzet, at his home, Badby Lodge Farm, Daventry, Northamptonshire. Please, no flowers, no letters. Funeral private.

DONNE.—On April 3rd, at the National Hospital, Queen's Sq., W.C.1, John Lewis Donne, Major, Royal Signals (retd.). Passed peacefully into the hands of his Lord. Beloved husband of Joan and daddy of Sabrina and Catherine, of Bramblodene, Wadhurst, Sussex. Cremation service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, Friday, 11th April at 11 a.m. Flowers and inquiries to E. R. Hickmott & Sons, Telephone Tunbridge Wells 21482.

EADY.—On April 4 1975, after a long illness, in a Jersey Nursing Home, William Jeffres, beloved husband of Stella and father of Diana and Robin. Funeral Service at the Jersey Crematorium, West Mount Road, on Friday, April 11 at 2.30 p.m. All inquiries to G. E. Croad Ltd., Funeral Directors, 89 Don Road, Jersey. Tel. Central 35850.

ECCLES.—LADY MADELEINE CHERRY. At the Mill House, Padworth, Berks., on April 3rd. Private cremation.

EVANS.—ERIC GRANT, peacefully, at Morden College, Blackheath, on Friday, 4th April, 1975, aged 80 years, widower of Audrey Mackay Evans. Service at Morden College, Monday, 14th April, at 9.45 a.m., followed by cremation at Lewisham Crematorium, at 10.30 a.m.

FOSTER.—On Friday 28th March at 59 Pembroke Court, Romiley, Cheshire, Major Reginald Francis Foster, "Father Francis" formerly of The Swan Hotel, Alfriston, Hampshire.

FRENCH.—On April 6th, 1975, after a short illness, Rachel, widow of John E. French and dearest sister of Marjorie Coad. Cremation private. Please, no flowers or letters.

GARNER-RICHARDS. — On April 4th, as a result of a road accident in Northern Ireland, John Cecil Roghurst, Lt., 9th/12th Royal Lancers, beloved son of Dick, dear stepson of Olga, and beloved brother of Diana. Funeral 11 a.m., April 11th, Santon Downham Church, Brandon, Suffolk. Enquiries Harvey Adam, Thetford 810534.

GOLDSMITH.—On April 4th, 1975, peacefully, at 2, Mansfield St., London, W.1, William Noel Goldsmith, M.D., F.R.C.P., dearest husband of Irene and much loved brother of Dorothy. Service Putney Vale Crematorium, Friday, April 11th, at 2 p.m. Flowers to Kenyons Chapel, 81, Westbourne Grove, W.2.

DEATHS

GOLLAN.—On April 5th, 1975, at a nursing home, Julie, aged 81, much loved sister of Alec. Funeral private. Enquiries to Sister Lloyds, 30, Fitzjames Avenue, W14 0RP. 01-603 3074.

GOODWIN.—On April 5th, 1975, Helen, courageous and beloved mother and grandmother, at Harbridge House, Fordingbridge. Funeral, Wednesday, 9th April, at 11 a.m., Harbridge Church. No flowers.

HATCH.—On 3rd April, 1975, aged 103, Ethel Charlotte Chase Hatch, last surviving child of the Rev. Dr. Edwin Hatch, of Oxford. Funeral service St. Mary Abbot's Church, Kensington, Friday, 11th April at 12 noon, followed by burial at Gunnersbury Cemetery, 2 p.m.

HOUGHTON.—On April 5th, 1975, at his home in Maldon, Essex, peacefully after a short illness, Charles Thomas Houghton, C.E., C.B.E., in his 83rd year, most beloved husband of Nan, father of Brian and Evelyn, and dearly loved grandfather (Gabby) of Catherine. Funeral service 11.30 a.m. Wednesday, 9th April, All Saints Church, Maldon. Cremation private. No flowers by his request. Donations if wished to Church of England Children's Society.

HUDSON.—On April 6th, peacefully, at Greenways, Upavon, Violet Francesca Rosalind, formerly of Big Coombe Farm, Hastings-Leigh, Kent, great aunt of Annabel (Garton). Service St. Peter's Church, Manningford, Bruce, near Pewsey, Wiltshire, Friday, 11th April at 2 p.m. Cremation private. Flowers to F. Dowes Ltd., River Street, Pewsey, Wiltshire.

JENOURE.—On 6th April at a Hindhead nursing home, peacefully in her sleep, Dorothy Maude, aged 8?, formerly of Boscombe and Parkstone, sister of the late Chrysogyne and of the late Marion Margetson, aunt of Swithin and John, and great aunt. For details of funeral arrangements please contact H. Mew & Co Ltd., Parkstone 741169.

LUNZER.—On Friday, April 4th, Jules, aged 58, younger son of Ferdinand and Rachel, brother of Richard.

MANEY.—On Saturday, 5th April, peacefully, Esther Muriel, aged 8?, of 120 Holland Road, W.14, devoted mother of John and Alan. Service Brompton Cemetery Chapel, Fulham Road, on Thursday, 10th April, at 2 p.m.

MARKIN.—On April 4th, at Woodcote, Church, David, aged 16, son of Anne and Frank Markin, brother of Sally and Katharine. Funeral at St. John's Church, Church, Friday April 11th, at 11.30, followed by private cremation. No letters or flowers please.

MORRIS.—On Sunday, April 6th, 1975, suddenly, at his home, 50 Pidgeway Close, Lightwater, Rowen Guise Morris, aged 31 years, dearly loved husband of Catherine and father of James. Funeral service on Monday, 14th April, 3 p.m., at Woking St. John's Crematorium. All inquiries to Camberley & District Funeral Service Ltd., Telephone Camberley 63141.

MORTIMER.—One Easter Sunday at Exmouth, Eileen Pevensey, widow of G. F. Mortimer, peacefully, in her 84th year.

NUTTING.—HYLDA LOUISE ELIZABETH.—On April 6th, 1975, at The Knoll, Tuilley, late of The Elms, Olveston. Cremation private.

PRENTICE.—On April 7th, at Holt, Norfolk, Flora, widow of Thomas Shirley Prentice, of Leicester, and mother of Marian, aged 94 years. Cremation private.

ROGER.—On 7th April, 1975, peacefully, at home, Lady (Helen) Roger, widow of Sir Alexander Roger and mother of Alan, Neil and Alastair, in her 91st year. Funeral private. No flowers or letters please.

SELWYN.—On 6th April in hospital, peacefully after a short illness, Herbert Gordon, priest, aged 78 years, of Landford, near Salisbury, Wilts, dearly loved husband of Christine and much loved by his children, Jane, Mary and David, and his five grandchildren. Funeral service at St. Peter's, Bramshaw, on Friday, 11th April at 2 p.m. No flowers. Donations at his own request to Church Missionary Society, 157 Waterloo Rd., London SE1 8UU.

SHERRATT.—On April 6th, suddenly, William, of The Beacon, Goathland, Whitby. Private family cremation. No flowers, please.

STEELE.—On April 5th, in Cheshire, Captain John C. Steele, V.R.D., R.N.R. (retired), formerly of Co. Down.

STEVENS.—On April 6th, 1975, after a long illness, George Alfred Stevens, of 8 Elton Avenue, East Barnet, Herts. Funeral St. Marylebone, Finchley, Friday, April 11th, at 10.50 a.m.

TWIST.—On April 6th, 1975, peacefully, Edith Mary (nee Bromley), aged 90 years, widow of Rev. George Cecil Twist. Service at St. Nicolas Parish Church, Newbury, Berks., on Friday, April 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations to Help the Aged, 8, Denman St., London, W1A 2AP, would have been her wish.

VERYARD.—On 5th April, 1975, peacefully in her sleep, Anne Louise, aged 80 years, beloved wife of Richard, George, of 64 Links Avenue, Felixstowe. Funeral service at Felixstowe Parish Church on Tuesday, 8th April, at 12.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Farthing, Funeral Service, 126 High Road West, Felixstowe.

WATKINS.—On Sunday, 6th April, 1975, peacefully, Elizabeth (Betty), wife of the late Sir Metford Watkins. Funeral at Longstock, Hampshire, on Thursday, April 10th at 12 noon. Cut flowers to Street and Son, 4 Chesil Street, Winchester.

WELLS.—On 6th April, Nesta Mary, daughter of the late T. E. Wells, of Wallingford, and sister of the late Judge H. B. Wells. Funeral, Thursday, April 10th, 11.30 a.m., at St Agatha's Church, Brightwell.

WHITNEY.—On April 7th, Lilian Dorothy Maud, aged 85, widow of Dr C. U. Whitney, much loved mother of Jenett, Rupert and Anthony. Funeral at Ironbridge Church, 10 a.m., Saturday, April 12th. Family flowers only please.

WILD.—On 7th April, in a Scarborough nursing home, Dorothy, of Brookholme, Robeck Hill, Scarborough, beloved wife of the late Frank Dickinson Wild and beloved mother of Joan, Audrey and Peter, and the late Stephen, John and Ann. Service private. Family flowers only, at her request. No letters, please.

DEATHS

WOOD.—On 5th April, Edith Jane of "Springhaven", Draycott, Somerset, aged 90 (widow of W. B. Wood and formerly of Dulwich, London). Cremation at Weston-super-Mare 3.00 p.m. Thursday, 10th April. Family flowers only.

FUNERALS

CARROLL. JOHN, funeral service will take place on Wednesday, 9th April, at the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Worth, at 3.45 p.m.

COLVILLE.—The funeral of The Honourable Margaret Colville, J.P., of Red Rock, Topsham, Exeter, will take place at St Mary's, Chiddingstone, Kent, at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, April 11th. Flowers may be sent to W. & F. Groombridge, Funeral Directors, 51 Quarry Hill Rd., Tonbridge, Kent (Tel: Tonbridge 3964). Cars from W. & F. Groombridge will meet at Tunbridge Wells the train leaving Charing Cross at 9.40 a.m. Arrangements for a memorial service in Devon will be announced later.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ANDREWS.—A service of thanksgiving and remembrance for the life and work of Mr Wilfrid Andrews, C.B.E., past chairman of the R.A.C., will be held at St. James's, Piccadilly, London at noon on Thursday, 10th April.

CAPENER.—A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Norman Capener, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., Orthopaedic Surgeon, will be held at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, May 3rd at 4.15 p.m. Those who wish to send donations to the Appeal Secretary, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN.

DAVIES.—A memorial meeting to commemorate the late Sir Martin Davies will be held in the National Gallery on Tuesday, 15th April, at 6.30 p.m. Those wishing to obtain a ticket should contact the Director's Secretary, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN.

GOFF.—A memorial service for Thomas Robert Charles Goff will be held at St. Peter's, Eaton Square, London, S.W.1, on Wednesday, 16th April, at 12 noon.

THOMPSON.—A memorial and thanksgiving service for Lt. Cdr. Cecil H. F. Thompson, of Nunwick Hall, Penrith, Cumbria, will be held at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Penrith, on Saturday, 19th April, 1975, at 3 p.m.

WILLIS FLEMING.—A memorial service for T. C. A. Willis Fleming, of Malta, G.C., will be held at Stoneham Church on April 22nd at 10.30.

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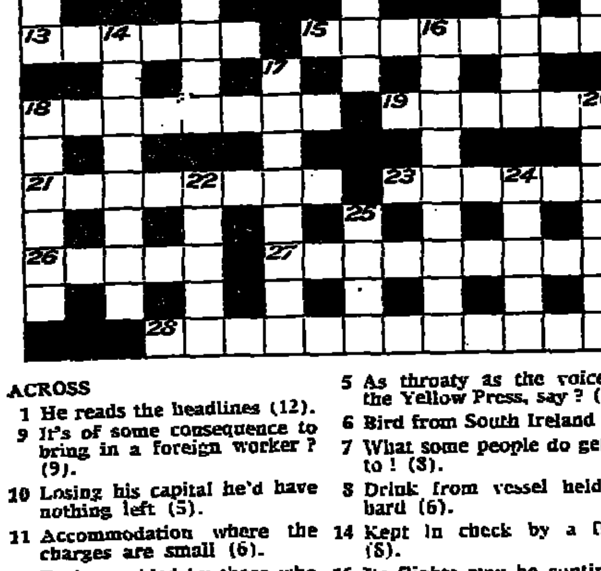
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ACROSS

1 He reads the headlines (12).
9 It's of some consequence to bring in a foreign worker? (9).
10 Losing his capital he'd have nothing left (5).
11 Accommodation where the charges are small (6).
12 To be avoided by those who mean to go straight (8).
13 Cliff on which Jack finds a beetle (6).
15 Fish I catch in a cradle (8).
18 Drink to follow a hearty handshake? (8).
19 Film-producer, one from America perhaps (6).
21 With which game-spotting would be coals to Newcastle (8).
23 Drawn for a living (6).
26 Those who employ topless nurses perhaps? (5).
27 NATO national whose real assets are frozen? (9).
28 9 date of publication of the Zinoviev scare? (3-6, 3).

DOWN

1 They're not trustworthy, sang David (7).
2 Price of make-up once by Anna and others? (5).
3 No threats from this direction (3-4).
4 Cause of loss of a friend, warned Polonius (4).
5 As throaty as the voice of the Yellow Press, say? (8).
6 Bird from South Ireland (5).
7 What some people do get up to! (8).
8 Drink from vessel held by bard (6).
14 Kept in check by a fluke (8).
16 Its flights may be continued after landing (9).
17 It's still out of work on calm days (8).
18 As a non-runner it must be fast (6).
20 The one to take a collection at a smoking concert (3-4).
22 Long-drawn passage in Gray's Elegy (5).
24 Cast this up (5).
25 No work for the others (4).

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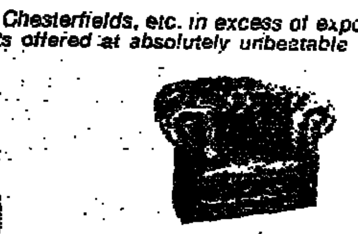
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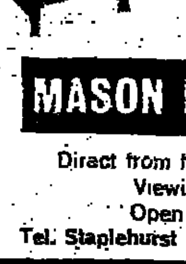
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